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May 21, 1912. Temperature a.m. 82, p.m. 84; Humidity...84, 71.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

THE KAISER'S GIFT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 21.
The "Lokal Anzeiger" says the Kaiser's principal wedding gift will be the proclamation of Brunswick as an independent Duchy, with Prince Ernst August and Princess Victoria Louise as the first reigning sovereigns.
The city of Hanover signifies the termination of the feud between the Guelphs and the Hohenzollerns by presenting the bride with a magnificent necklace of pearls.
British Royalty Welcomed.
A later message states that King George and Queen Mary arrived at 11.30 on Wednesday morning in Berlin. The Emperor, the Empress, other members of the Royal Family, and dignitaries of Court and State awaited the distinguished visitors at the station and gave them a brilliant reception.
A procession was then made through the troop-lined streets to the Palace, the visiting Royalty being enthusiastically cheered. The weather was splendid.
Another message says the streets were crowded, and the Lehrter Station was decorated profusely with British and German flags. The Guard of Honour was drawn from the First Foot Guards, with Band, in their picturesque mitred caps of the 15th Century. The Crown Prince of Germany was attired in the uniform of the British 11th Hussars, and the Emperor that of the British 1st Dragoon Guards, both wearing the riband of the Order of the Garter. King George wore the uniform of the German 1st Dragoon Guards, with the riband of the Order of the Black Eagle. The bride and bridegroom were among those at the station.
The Guards lining the route beat a tattoo and gave a triple cheer as the procession passed, and salutes were fired by a battery of Artillery.
The Zeppelin airship Hansa, which followed the Royal train from Rathenow, sailed after Their Majesties along the Unter den Linden.

OBITUARY.

MR. HENRY FLAGLER.

London, May 21.
The death is announced of Mr. Henry Flagler, one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company, and a pioneer in the development of Florida.
[Henry M. Flagler, capitalist, was born at Canadawana, New York, in 1830. He became a clerk in a country store and, later, went to Saginaw, Michigan, where he was a salt manufacturer. He later removed to Cleveland and became a partner in Rockefeller, Andrews and Flagler, oil refiners, who were succeeded by the Standard Oil Company, with the management of which he had been continuously connected. He was the owner of the Ponce de Leon and Alcazar hotels, Florida, which he built at a cost of three million dollars, and also owned about 600 miles of railroad in Florida. Formerly he was Vice-President of the Standard Oil Company and was a director to the time of his death. He was also a director of many other large railway and steamship concerns.]

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

LARGELY OVERSUBSCRIBED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 21.
The Chinese loan is closed, having been largely oversubscribed. It is quoted at one per cent premium, sellers.
The "Standard", in a financial article, says the fact that President Yuan Shih Kai should have succeeded as well as he has done in re-organising affairs after the revolution, notwithstanding the chaotic conditions of finance and the need of fresh money, says much for his administrative capabilities. The fact that the Loan will be used only for re-organisation and administrative purposes should vastly strengthen his position. The article dwells on the strenuous efforts of the five Governments to safeguard investors' interests both in the immediate and the more remote future, as shown by a letter from the Foreign Office accompanying the prospectus and stating that the Chinese Government declares the contract a binding engagement on themselves and their successors. His Majesty's Government has taken note of this declaration and concurs in the view expressed therein, while the Governments of the other four Powers have addressed similar letters to the issuing groups of their respective committees.
The "Times" says that Chinese reputation for honesty, international agreements regarding the Loan, and the fact that the Governments have taken note of the Loan contract and concur in its binding effect on the Chinese Government and its successors, render the indefinite character of the particular revenues whereon the Loan is secured, a less serious matter.

GERMAN CRACK REGIMENTS.

SUPPRESSION ADVOCATED.

London, May 21.
Reuter's correspondent at Berlin writes that there was a stormy scene at a meeting of the Budget Committee of the Reichstag when a Socialist moved the suppression of the Garde du Corps and other crack regiments.
The Minister of War opposed the motion which he said encroached on the Emperor's prerogative as Commander-in-Chief.
The motion was rejected, but a resolution by the National Liberals demanding the curtailment of the preponderance of Nobility in the Officers Corps was adopted.

EDINBURGH OBSERVATORY.

DAMAGED BY SUFFRAGIST BOMB.

London, May 23.
A supposed suffragist bomb has exploded at Edinburgh Observatory. It did considerable damage.

EMPIRE DAY SHOOT.

134 ENTRIES RECEIVED.

London, May 23.
The list of entries for the Empire Day Rifle Cup Competition is now complete and numbers 134.
The provisional scores will be called on the 26th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

THREE YEARS' SERVICE.

MORE TROUBLE IN FRANCE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 21.
A message from Macon says that a hundred soldiers of the 134th Infantry, paraded the streets, shouting "Down with the Three Years' Service!", and singing the "Internationale." They refused to obey the officers, who endeavoured to induce the men to disperse. The soldiers ultimately returned to barracks. There was no disorder.
Later.
The ringleaders in the disturbances at Ton and elsewhere will be drafted forthwith into disciplinary battalions in Algeria.

CANADIAN MILITIA.

CHIEF-OF-STAFF RESIGNS.

London, May 21.
Major-General Colin J. Mackenzie, O.B., Chief of Staff of the Canadian Militia, has resigned in consequence of a disagreement with the Minister of Militia and Defence, Mr. Sam Hughes.
The resignation has caused a sensation in Canada, and is compared to the Duncanson episode in 1904.
The Canadian Liberal papers are responsible for the statement that General Mackenzie's resignation is due to friction. It is believed, however, that it is due to an offer of an important military position in England.
Colonel Crowe, head of the Military College at Kingston, has also resigned in order to accept a position on the staff in India.

KING GEORGE.

AWARDED ALBERT MEDAL.

London, May 21.
The Royal Society of Arts has awarded the Albert Medal for distinguished merit in promoting arts, manufactures, and commerce, to King George in recognition of his Majesty's efforts to become personally acquainted with the social and economic conditions of the various parts of the Dominions.

COLLISION RECALLED.

COURT MARTIAL VERDICT.

London, May 21.
A court martial of Devonport acquitted Captain Ganout of culpability in the collision between the battleship Centurion and the Italian cruiser Derna off Portland in December.
Lieutenant Boyes, the officer on watch at the time of the collision, was reprimanded for breaching the ship by default, but he was acquitted of neglect.

THE YACHT RACE.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

London, May 21.
Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge to race for the America Cup has been accepted, and the race will take place in September, 1914.
Shamrock IV, which will be 75ft. in length, will be built in Messrs. Nicholson's yard at Gosport.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

PENDING UNDERSTANDING.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 21.
A telegram from Berlin says that an article by the publicist, Mr. Arthur Dix, is given prominence in the papers. The writer says that a far-reaching Anglo-German agreement is pending, under which Great Britain, in return for the concessions relating to the Baghdad Railway, will accord Germany a prominent economic position in Central Africa including the Belgian and Portuguese Colonies.
Mr. J. A. Pease, President of the Board of Education, speaking at the Mansion House, said the time had arrived when we could say that we, as a nation, were just as friendly towards Germany as we were towards any other nation, and we valued the reciprocity of that feeling.

NEWMARKET STAKES.

DERBY FAVOURITE WINS.

London, May 21.
The race for the Newmarket Stakes, run today over a distance of a mile and a quarter, resulted as follows:—
Cranganour (Maber)... 1
Sun Yat (W. Huxley)... 2
Louvois (O'Neill)... 3
Seven ran; won by a length and a half, two lengths separating second and third. Cranganour made all the running and won easily; Flippant (Wootton up) was fourth; Harry of Hereford and Montana did not start.
The betting was even on Cranganour, 33 to 1 against Sun Yat and 13 to 8 against Louvois.

HOME CRICKET.

LATEST RESULTS.

London, May 21.
The match between Hampshire and Leicestershire was drawn, Leicestershire winning the points.
Essex and Lancashire also drew, Lancashire claiming the points.
Sussex beat Gloucestershire by 260 runs.
Essex beat Middlesex by 33 runs.
Kent beat Oxford by an innings and 101 runs.

MONTREAL LOAN.

NOT A SUCCESS.

London, May 21.
The underwriters of the new Montreal Four and a Half Per cent Loan of \$1,420,000 have been saddled with 66 per cent. thereof.
The Loan is now quoted at three-quarters per cent. discount.

RELEASED BRITISHERS.

LEFT FOR ENGLAND.

London, May 21.
Captain French and Mr. Bertrand Stewart left Glatz this morning being accompanied by a German officer. They proceeded to Berlin, from whence they depart for England.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 21.
The Conference of Ambassadors on Tuesday was unanimous on the necessity for the Allies signing a preliminary Peace Treaty immediately prior to the discussion of the questions which will be reserved for decision by the Powers.
At a meeting of the delegates of the Allies, after a prolonged discussion, it was agreed to draft modifications of the preliminaries for peace, which will be submitted to the Powers to-day.
Dr. Danoff, on behalf of Bulgaria, suggested that there should be no modifications, and urged the necessity of the immediate signature of peace.
Allies' Feelings.
A later message states that the Serbian delegate, on behalf of the Balkan States, communicated last evening to Sir Edward Grey the proposed modifications in the draft Peace Treaty. The Allies feel that these modifications ought not to encounter objection, and they are prepared to sign the peace preliminaries if these are accepted.
The Allies ask that their delegates to the Financial Conference in Paris shall have the same status as the representatives of the Powers and suggest that all Treaties in force before the war shall remain in operation after peace is signed until superseded by agreements forming part of the final comprehensive Treaty.
The Serbian request for guarantees will not be pressed if the assurances of Sir Edward Grey are confirmed by the other Powers.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers Club Tournament.

The first match in the billiard competition for the cup presented by the Volunteer Corps, concluded yesterday evening at the Soldiers Club and resulted in a win for the R.E. "A" Team, over the 88th Co. R.G.A. The R.E.s placed a strong team into play and the result came as no great surprise to those who watched their prowess in the Soldiers Club tournament. The two highest breaks were both by Engineers, Corporal Walden and Lance Corporal Brown abating honours with breaks of 27.
One game was played off in the match between the "A" and "B" teams of the D.O.L.L.
The full scores are as follow:—
88 Co. R.G.A.
Bom. Pritchard ... 200
Gunn. Price ... 199
Gunn. Culbert ... 149
Gunn. Heck ... 115
Gunn. Thomas ... 84
Gunn. Barry ... 155
Master Gr. Fuller ... 117
Gunn. Fallis ... 183
1193
A Team R.E.
Corpl. Carpenter ... 180
Sergt. Regen ... 200
Sapp. Cox ... 200
S.M. Morgan ... 200
Q.M.S. Collings ... 200
Corpl. Walden ... 200
Lo. Corpl. Brown ... 200
Sgt. Hesley ... 200
1580
The R.E.s won by 387 points.
D.O.L.L. "A"—Lee Corpl. Hunt 200
D.O.L.L. "B"—Pte. Mead 148
The D.O.L.L. "A" lead by 62 points.

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN LOAN.

TWENTY MILLION STERLING.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, May 21.
The Mexican Congress has sanctioned the general terms of a contract with French bankers for a Loan of \$20,000,000 at 6 per cent., to be issued at a price of 90, and to run for a period of ten years. The Loan is to be guaranteed on 33 per cent. of the Customs. It is understood that British interests will also participate.
Members charged the Minister of Finance with failing to take better offers, but he defended the Loan on the ground of urgency.

A BIG BILL.

COST OF AUSTRIAN MILITARY MEASURES.

London, May 21.
A telegram from Vienna states that the Minister of Finance (Herr Ritter von Zaleski) informed the Budget Committee that the extraordinary military measures since November had cost Austria, excluding Hungary, \$8,959,000.

NEW FRENCH SUBMARINE.

London, May 21.
A telegram from Oberbrugg states that the French submarine, Gustave Zede, has been launched. The vessel has a displacement of 800 tons on the surface and 1,100 tons when submerged.

ALLEGED THEFT OF FURNITURE.

A woman was remanded by Mr. O. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, on a charge of stealing furniture, jewellery and clothing, valued at \$244.
Mr. E. O. Faithfull, defended. It is alleged that the woman had been the concubine of the prosecutor for about three years, and disappeared on Wednesday with the articles mentioned. She endeavoured to get away to Mexico.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The latest County cricket results are given elsewhere.

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The extraordinary military operations since last November have cost Austria nearly seven millions sterling.

The ringleaders of the military disturbances in France are to be drafted into disciplinary battalions in Algeria.

Telegrams describe the enthusiastic reception given to King George and Queen Mary on arriving in Berlin.

Summaries of articles in the "Standard" and "Times" on Chinese financial questions are given in telegrams elsewhere.

Considerable damage has been done to the Edinburgh Observatory by a bomb, believed to have been placed there by suffragists.

A telegram gives some outline of a pending far-reaching agreement which Mr. Arthur Dix, the publicist, says Germany and Britain are to conclude.

There was a stormy scene at a meeting of the Budget Committee of the Reichstag on a Socialist proposing the suppression of certain crack regiments.

LOCAL.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League was held last evening.

The entries for the second gymnastics meeting are published elsewhere in this issue.

The second annual report of the Committee of the St. Raphael's Society is published to-day.

A short commemorative Empire Day service will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday.

The death is announced of Mr. E. Cornwall Lewis, formerly Assistant Postmaster General in Hongkong.

The P. and O. Company steamer Ceylon arrived in port this morning bringing the mails from the S.S. Assaye.

Further interesting local opinion on the currency question and the new legislation appears in to-day's issue.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Peak Tramways Company was held to-day at the Hongkong Hotel.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.

Saturday May 24.
Fugal Gymkhana, U.S.R.O. ground 3.30 p.m.

Monday, May 26.
Crown land sale.

Saturday, May 31.
Second Gymkhana.

Wednesday June 11.
Canton Insurance Office 10 extraordinary general meeting noon.

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Daily Press.

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return to his ship and resume the
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the sailors must, on forfeiture of
their remuneration, and with
liability for damages, immediately
give up the command to the
master without prejudice to their
right of salvage already acquired.
We believe this in brief repre-
sents the law governing the mat-
ter, and the case therefore pre-
sents none of those picturesque
features reminiscent of ancient
maritime history, which the
Manila papers impart to it. This
is not the only occasion on
which wrecks in this part of
the world have been preyed upon
in a similar manner. Only a few
years ago, the German steamer
Sexta, wrecked on the Paracels,
was stripped, by some persons
unknown, from stem to stern of
everything on the ship, during
the temporary absence of the
authorised salvage party. If, as
at present seems probable, the
right to board and claim posses-
sion of a ship and all her cargo
and belongings is contested in
the case of the Nippon in the
Courts of Law, it will doubtless
do much to spread a knowledge
in this part of the world as to the
distinction which international
maritime law draws between
merum and tum in such case.

South China Morning Post.

The Underwood Bill.

There is every chance of the
Democratic Tariff going through
just as President Wilson wants it.
The majority may be small, but
the President would beastulifying
himself if he allowed the tariff to
stand. Just before the election, it
will be remembered, he denounced
the existing tariff as a national
incubus which must be removed.
The Democrats, he has since
declared, were called to power for
the express purpose of reducing
the tariff. They have certainly
wasted no time in setting about
the task in a thorough—almost
revolutionary—manner. Presi-
dent Wilson has done the right
thing in bringing the proposed
changes so quickly to the front,
not only for the people generally
but also in the commercial and
industrial interests of the country.
It is impossible to make an
omelette without breaking eggs
and some businesses may have
to suffer temporarily from the
change. However, the sooner
the uncertainty is ended, if it
may be any longer regarded as
an uncertainty, the sooner will
the business world adapt itself to
conditions which, viewed from
this distance, seem to be eminently
reasonable though carried out on
democratic lines.

China Mail.

Fire Motor Equipment in America
Only recently has it been real-
ised in America, says "Engi-
neering," that the prevention of
fires, rather than the fighting of
large conflagrations, is the true
role of a fire department. Fur-
thermore the control of the fire-
fighting forces in the United
States, even when not impaired
by political influences, has been
largely in the hands of men who
have risen from the ranks in the
various departments, or of direc-
tors or commissioners appointed
from civil life for short terms,
rather than in those of men of
engineering or military training
and antecedents by whom contin-
uous policies could be developed.
As a result, there has been a
spirit of conservatism that
possibly has been excusable, and
often a disinclination to adopt
radical innovations either in
equipment or method until the
wisdom of the step was shown
beyond dispute. Notwithstand-
ing their well-trained men and
horses, and the wonderful
agility and celerity displayed
both in drill and action, there
are some respects in which the
brigades of America are behind
the best European practices, and
one of these has been the develop-
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GENERAL NEWS.

Foreign Intervention in China.

With reference to the present situation of China which will probably lead to the intervention of foreign Powers, the President has had secret consultations with the Foreign Minister and the policy for foreign intercourse will be fixed as soon as the sentiments of the provinces upon this matter have been obtained. —"Peking Daily News."

Russo-Chinese Relations.
It is reported that with regard to the question of Outer Mongolia, a peaceful conclusion has been arrived at between the Chinese and the Russian Governments.

Vice-President Li's Advice.
Vice-President Li Yuan-hung in a telegram to the President states that the Sung murder case and the conclusion of the Quintuple loan have been the most essential causes of the differences now entertained by the North and the South. To surmount the difficulty in the surest way is to organize a special court for attending the murder case and to explain in full the present financial condition of China to the people, whose opposition at present is not altogether unreasonable because they have to bear the repayment of the loan. —"Peking Daily News."

An Offer of Assistance.
In a telegram to the president Tuteh Yin says, "it is reported that certain Generals and Tutehs are plotting against the Republic Government. Should there be any uprisings I offer myself to be the van-guard of the campaign against them." In reply the president declares that as long as he is in office conspirators will be dealt with severely, irrespective of whether they are Generals or Tutehs. —Chun Kuo Kuo Pao.

A New Sewing Machine.
A new type of sewing machine will soon be available; it is called the "Shuttleless," and is worked with two ordinary reels, the lower one taking the place of a shuttle. The bottom thread runs direct from the reel of cotton, thus abolishing the necessity for continually winding and unwinding bobbins and spools. Besides the elimination of the shuttle, it is claimed for this machine that it makes a perfectly uniform lock-stitch, whereas in all other so-called lock-stitch machines the two threads are only twisted. Large numbers of the general public and representatives of most of the principal trading houses in Great Britain have inspected the machines at work.

Sir F. Lugard's Representative.
The Hon. A. G. Boyle, Colonial Secretary of Southern Nigeria, has assumed the administration of the Protectorate in consequence of the departure on leave of Sir Frederick Lugard, who has arrived in England. Mr. Boyle, prior to proceeding to Southern Nigeria, served in the Straits Settlements and the Uganda and East Africa Protectorates. In the latter he administered the Government. He was quite recently transferred to Southern Nigeria.

Sir Henry McCallum's Health.
A telegram to the "Ceylon Observer," dated London, April 30, says:—Sir Henry McCallum seen in town to-day looked wonderfully fit. His heart is much improved, thanks to the advice and treatment of Dr. Mackenzie, the great heart specialist, with thorough rest and absence from work. He has lost two stone in weight and looks younger and more active. He is staying at 46, Rutland Gate, and is probably settling near Guildford for the sake of his children. He has been warned against fatigue and excitement, otherwise the doctor declares him fit for work as he has not got Bright's disease. With care he should live to a great age. It has been agreed to have a bust of Sir Henry made by Wade for the Legislative Council.

Mongol Robbers.
The Tuteh of Fengtien is in receipt of a report from the magistrate of Taonan, stating that nearly six or seven hundred Mongolian robbers are committing all sorts of outrages in the northern confines of that district, and requesting for reinforcements. Major-General Hain Chun has been instructed immediately to despatch one "ying" of cavalry to his assistance in maintaining order of the place. —Exchange.

FATHAR VAUGHAN.

Impressions of a Recent World Tour.

During his sixteen months' tour of the world, during which he has travelled some twenty-six thousand miles, Father Bernard Vaughan, who has just returned to London, has had many curious experiences. Father Vaughan travelled from the Hudson to the Yukon and from the Rockies to San Francisco. After visiting Japan and China he went on to Singapore and Ceylon and on the way back to England stayed at Marseilles and Paris.

The "Evening Standard" says:—

One of our representatives to-day found Father Vaughan sitting in his study, surveying an avalanche of new books, newspapers, letters and telegrams. "I am afraid my many correspondents will think me a most ungrateful person for not replying individually to this deluge of kind messages, and unkind requests for personal acknowledgments," he observed, ruefully. Speaking of his tour, he said: "I went, in the first instance, to visit America. For years past I have received invitations to lecture there. I have been able to gratify the desire of my American friends to some extent. During my travels I have spoken publicly about 400 times. I have addressed Indian tribes, negroes, Eskimaux, Japanese, and Chinese of all denominations. Besides Catholics, my audience have included Protestants, Jews, Unitarians, Agnostics, and Atheists."

Studying Human Nature.
"Wherever I go I see things for myself. In order to arrive at a perfect understanding of things as they really are, I first studied the economic conditions of the various places I visited. I went to the markets; I looked in the shop windows—not forgetting those convenient institutions, the pawnshops. I explored railway stations, goods yards, and I gathered sufficient data from personal experience to form a tolerably good judgment of swayed industries and of rates of wages."

"Then I inquired about the theatres, the music-halls, the picture-theatres; and I gleaned some startling information. I dived into the primary and parish schools; I visited working men's clubs, and so secured first-hand knowledge of the economic, social, and religious conditions of the citizens who are in reality the ballast of the Ship of State. I read the local papers, and ascertained what was doing. If you want to gain a good idea of what things really are, you must get on your own feet, and under your own hat, stride forth in a hail-fellow-well-met spirit. And so I have dived right away from Clubland to Sundom."

"There is nothing so interesting as people, but to know them you must 'pal' with them. I did so, and have come home knowing the actual living peoples of America, Japan, and China. And how extraordinary alike we all are! We are all made for the same destiny; all of the same origin. The differences between nations are like the difference between colours. They are surface deep only. We all have the same senses of the body, the same far-reaching faculties of the soul. What a mystery it all is! How little we all know, except that we have in common the same loves, the same sorrows, the same ambitions and disappointments, the same gains, and, alas, the same losses."

Two Kinds of Ignorance.
"The only difference between the most learned and the least lettered man is that the cultured man has his ignorance in order, while the untutored one has his in confusion—like my room before you, a litter of literature. I have met many learned men in my travels, but not one who really knows anything about vegetable life or animal life, or, especially, human life. We label these things and convert them to our use, but we know nothing about them. I met my friend, Thomas Edison, and said to him: 'You have tamed electricity, yoked it to our chariot wheels, you have placed it on the market, and in the hands of children, and treated it as though you know all about its nature and essence—do you know any more about it than I do? What do you know about it?' he asked. 'Absolutely nothing,' I replied."

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The "Pioneer" says in connection with the sales of the certificated opium at Hongkong and Shanghai, from February 1, to April 19, that 3,520 chests were sold, presumably at rates which satisfied holders. On the latter date 4,660 chests were still in hand at Hongkong and 18,836 at Shanghai. The progress in disposal is slow, but it seems sure, though it will take a long time to work off the whole of the stock. Still a reduction from 26,816 chests to 23,266 in or about seven weeks gives cause for satisfaction.

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TO LET.—Houses in Austin Avenue Kowloon. Apply A. RAYMOND, c/o S. J. DAVID & Co., Hongkong, May 1st, 1913. [343]

BOXING.

An Offer to Freddy Welsh.

Freddy Welsh, the English light-weight champion, has, according to the "Manila Times," received a flattering offer from Australia. "Snowy" Baker, the promoter, who recently bought out the boxing interests of Hugh McIntosh, cabled Harry Pollok yesterday that he would give the Welshman a guarantee of \$15,000, with the privilege of 35 per cent. of the gross receipts, to engage in three battles. The round-trip tickets also go with the offer. While the proposition is a good one, it is not tempting enough to the champion. It would take a least four months to complete the contract and in little more than half that time Welsh can pick up that much in this country with vaudeville engagements, not to mention a hundred and one offers that have been pouring in for him to engage in battles ranging from six to twenty rounds.

In his latest letter to Manager Pollok, Welsh speaks of bringing over with him a heavyweight to have a try at American boxers. Freddy says he has a man in tow, who weighs nearly two hundred pounds; stands six feet and can box as fast as a bantam and hit like a sledge hammer.

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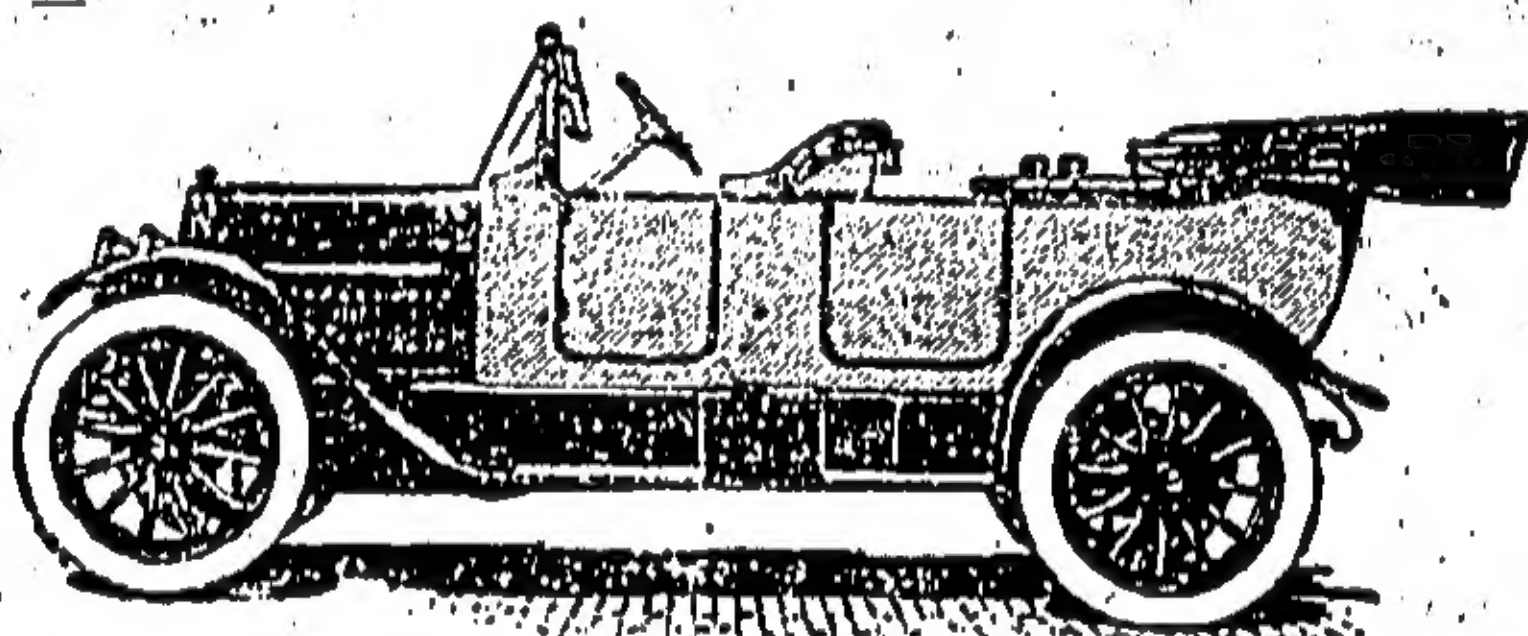
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The above is the substance of a statement made by Mr. Simon Erlanger, member of the firm which bears his name, when interviewed by reporters for *Manila's* newspapers. He stated that the action of the concern in chartering the coastguard cutter Mindoro and sending her out to take possession of the wrecked Swedish steamer, which went aground on Scarborough reef during the typhoon which swept over the northern part of Luzon last week, was done entirely in accordance with the recognized rights of salvage, and that if the company had acted in any way opposed to such regulations it would be only too glad to rectify matters.

Regarding the procedure to be followed in salvaging the vessel, Mr. Erlanger said:

The men employed by me on the first trip of the Mindoro to the wreck discovered that the Nippon is partially full of water. We will make no attempt to repair the steamer and bring her off the reef until we have taken off the cargo. This is now being done by the steamers Mindoro and Vizcaya, both of which are going to the wreck. I have also chartered the Mauban, and as soon as this steamer has discharged its cargo here, it will be sent to join the others. I have engaged approximately 100 men to carry on the work.

All of the cargo worth salvaging will be taken off the Nippon, Mr. Erlanger further stated, and it is probable that that part of the cargo deemed to be ruined by water will be jettisoned. He furthermore said that the parties interested in the cargo will be communicated with, with regard to an adjustment of matters satisfactory to everyone concerned. The question as to whether the steamer itself is worth salvaging will be determined by an investigation to be made after the cargo has been removed. At present the vessel is said to be nearly half full of water.

Blown on to the Scarborough Reef.

The news has been received in Singapore that the Nippon, a steamer of 3,197 tons belonging to the Swedish East Asiatic Company, has been wrecked, says the "Straits Times" of the 14th inst. The agents confirm the statement, to which has been added the fact that the vessel struck the Scarborough reef. There is a report that she is a total wreck but whether that is correct or not, information to hand states that the crew have been rescued.

The Nippon left Manila last Wednesday bound for Singapore with a general cargo. She was due here next Monday and was to have taken in a quantity of cargo. The Scarborough reef lies in latitude 15° 5' N. and longitude 117° 44' S and, as this is right out of her course it is supposed that she was caught in the typhoon which was raging in those seas some few days ago. If that is the case there is some explanation of the occurrence for it is said that the typhoon was one of the worst that has been experienced for some years and it is quite possible that under such circumstances, the Nippon was swept northwards into the danger zone. The Scarborough reef is exceedingly dangerous, especially at this time of the year, for a powerful current sweeps up from the south in that direction. The coral reef is close to the surface but rocks stand out of the water, some to the height of several feet, and so make it visible about five miles away. It received its name from the vessel which was wrecked there, but which was subsequently refloated. If, however, the weather was very heavy when the Nippon went on she would probably receive such a knocking about as to render her a complete wreck.

REAR ADMIRAL JERRAM.

Entertained at Tokyo by Baron Saito.

Rear-Admiral Jerram, commander-in-chief of the British Far Eastern Squadron, and chief officers of the Squadron, accompanied by Captain Brand, Naval Attache of the British Embassy, and Consul-General Hall, came up to the capital from Yokohama on the 28th April and called on the British Ambassador Sir Conyngham Greene at the Embassy. Later they visited Naval Minister Baron Saito and Admiral Baron Ijima, chief of the Naval General Staff, at the Naval Department.

At 1.30 p.m. Baron Saito gave a luncheon at his official residence in honour of Rear-Admiral Jerram and his staff officers. The British Ambassador, Sir Conyngham Greene, and the Naval Attache, Captain Brand, were also present as guests. On the hosts' side were, besides Baron Saito, Admiral Baron Ijima, chief of the Naval General Staff, Rear-Admiral Takarashi, Vice-Minister of the Navy, and others. Baron Saito made a welcome speech which was responded to in a happy vein by Rear-Admiral Jerram. Afterward Rear-Admiral Jerram and others of the British Squadron paid a visit to the Arsenal Garden in Koishikawa.

The late Major Watson, Major J. J. C. Watson, late of the Royal Army Medical Corps, has died at Uplands, Swanwick, Hants, at the age of 51. In 1900 he served with the North China Field Force, taking part in the relief of Tientsin and Peking. He was then mentioned in despatches and received the medal with clasps and the Companionship of the Order of the Indian Empire. Major Watson retired in 1910.

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Bramble	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. B. E. Frichard	Yangtze
Britomart	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Yangtze
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Cherub	Water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Maackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brickenden	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lt. Com. Boddam Whetham	Hongkong
Kent	1st class cruiser	9,000	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt C.S.I.	Hongkong
Kinsale	River gunboat	616	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtze
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. C. O. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	1st class cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Barttelot	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Swallow	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. R. Chambers	Canton
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Rosario	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. S. Hutton	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	—	Com. R. H. Anstruther C.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cotrell	Yangtze
Uk	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Canton
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Hongkong
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,900	Com. R. Neville	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. O. Borrett	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
C. 36,	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
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Decade		Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus		River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante		Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jervillier	Canton
Peiho		Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree		Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Duteemps	Tchong kin
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.							
Lynx		Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bolnix	Saigon
Protee		Submarine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Syr		Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde		Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
Liberville		Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Ronisen	Hongkong
Pistolet		Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet		Destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche		Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Commodore Boucicaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.							
German.							
Emden		Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorf	Swatow
Gneisenau		Armoured cruiser	11,800	36	26,000	Captain Brunningshaus	Tsingtau
Itis		Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar		Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig		Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luocha		Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg		Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Monsberger	Tsingtau
Otze		River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Firls	Yangtze
Scharnhorst		Flagship	11,800	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 90		Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lt. Berenberg	Tsingtau
Taku		Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Oblt. z. S. Claassen	Tsingtau
Tiger		Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Booker	Tsingtau
Tsingtau		River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lt. Frhr. Speth v. Schulenburg	Canton
Vaterland		River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria		Italian cruiser	2,145	—	—	Com. Sommi Picenardi	Shanghai
Portuguese.							
Adamastor		Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao		Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria		Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Jose de Carvalho Crato	Macao

UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McC. Murray	Cavite
A-4	—	—	—	—	Lieut. E. D. McWhorter	—
A-6	—	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	—
A-7	—	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	—
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Ensign H. M. Jones	Cavite
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. Hill	—
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. B. H. Green	—
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,988	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Holmes	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. E. V. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,990	6	3,000	Lieut. E. P. Svarz	Olongapo
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,277	Com. J. V. Ohnes	—
Panama	Gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,800	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Quincy	Gunboat	350	2	208	Lieut. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
Rainbow	Cruiser	4,360	14	1,800	Lt. Com. D. W. Wurtbaugh	Swatow
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lieut. G. O. Dishanani	Shanghai
Saratoga	Cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Wieg	Swatow
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	208	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	482	—	650	Chief B'wain, P. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo

* U.S.S. Saratoga Flagship Rear-Admiral R. F. Nicholson, Commander-in-Chief, United States Asiatic Fleet, temporarily.

EARLY DAYS OF THE PEAK TRAM

"Memories" of one who was not here and who knew nothing of that of which he writes, as will readily appear to those who know.

Hongkong is not a Colony where people remain after their working days are over and, looking around me, I do not suppose there are many who can recall that bright May morning, five and twenty years ago, when we all gathered together at the now familiar Lower Tram Terminus in our frock coats and "stove pipes" (the Governor, Sir W. des Voeux, being a great stickler for dress) to open the "Victoria Gap Funicular Railway." One must go to the files of "Punch" to obtain the local colour provided by the costumes of the period: the tiny bonnets perched on plaited "buns," the long handled little parasols, the tight bodices buttoned down the front and the skirts heavily bunched at the back. And we men (the superior sex in those days) all sported whiskers, tight frock-coats, shepherd's plaid trousers and, as I say, "stove pipe" toppers. The Governor and his staff arrived on horseback. Old "Billy" (now, alas, with God) was a great equestrian and used to ride up and down the Peak daily from the Council Chamber to Mountain Lodge, always at a canter to the great discomfiture of the more corpulent members of his staff. I was fortunate enough to secure a seat in the first car to go up. As far as I can remember, I had booked it months before at the price of one dollar. This was the charge for single tickets for many years and it must be remembered (by those who draw their salary in sterling) that the dollar then fluctuated between 3/0 and 4/2.

Very different was the journey in those days. To begin with the station was only a small makeshift shelter beside the road which barely afforded sufficient accommodation when it was raining, and there was no platform, the "car" being entered by a small ladder which, I remember, made it very awkward for ladies. The "car" itself was not the palatial carriage we know to-day, but an open truck on high buggy wheels with trestles placed from side to side to sit upon. The wheels did not run on rails, but in a kind of wooden troughs edged with bamboo, which I never remember to have seen elsewhere. In front of the "car" was a large bell, which the conductor tolled with his feet, and a cowcatcher to dislodge beasts from the line. There was only one class, coolies not being allowed to travel, and dogs had to run behind. It was pulled by an endless hemp rope actuated by a large treadmill worked by convicts at the gaol situated where the Military Detention Barracks now are. Often if the descending car was empty, the male passengers had to alight from the up-going car and push it over the difficult places. Needless to say, any increase of crime in the Colony used to have a marked effect on the rate of progress and the stipendiary magistrate came in for a good deal of chaff if the car travelled by was unnecessarily dilatory. There was no telephone or electric bell, but the clocks at the top and bottom synchronized daily and the starts and halts ran to schedule. There were ordinary carriage brakes and each truck also had drag shoes though I never remember seeing them used, and I think they must have been carried for "look see" to inspire confidence amongst the early voyagers. Altogether, in the early days, it was such a tramway as Heath Robinson would revel in.

There was nothing like the present frequent service, as the ascent was more or less in the nature of an adventure, and there were comparatively few Peak residents in those days. Moreover the country the trams traversed was very jungly and infested with "pylons." The conductor always held a Winchester repeater at full-cock in his hand to reassure timid travellers. Many a time in my girlish days have I been permitted to borrow this weapon to bring down some splendid tiger crouching in the scrub by the tram-lines. Old Billy des Voeux

(I wonder how many nowadays can correctly pronounce his name) used to give one hundred dollars for each tiger shot and he, more than anyone, was insistent in ridding the Colony of this scourge.

It was during the great typhoon of '39 that one of our wealthiest and most respected brokers (can you guess who this is?) laid the foundations of his present fortune. He was conductor of one of the cars when they were held up exactly half way for two days by the typhoon. To while away the time he took the passengers on at the "three card" trick and several taipans were successful in "spotting the lady" that he carried off not only all their available cash but also finished the journey with his pockets bulging with chips. This was the origin of the present custom of the conductors always carrying a pack of cards in case of emergencies. They would expect much larger salaries if this sporting chance were not always before them.

The tram has constantly improved since those days and is now indispensable not only to the many dwellers on its route, but also as the chief vehicle of gossip and scandal in the Colony. What dreadful calamities and secrets those cars hear every day! Fortunately, by common consent (and also, I believe, case law) conversation in the Peak Tram, however audible, is held to be privileged, and it is for this reason only that the business of our Law Courts is not completely choked by actions for libel and slander.

The service will doubtless go on improving. Modern construction should admit of much lighter cars being built and the weight thus saved could allow a larger number of passengers being carried. The car, and above all, the Lower Terminus should be doubled. The latter is one of the warmest spots in Victoria and it is a fact, probably only known to the few revelers who play at in the habit of missing the last tram, that the Botanic Gardens have taken to sending down privately any of the rarer orchids that happen to be off colour, to recoup in its recesses during the small hours.

I am getting a very old man and have long given up wasting my breath and getting hot at sight of the red disc, but now that these electrical "standard time" clocks appear to have got into their stride, a very obvious improvement would be to have a large one on the road by the entrance to the Cathedral, with two or three faces and large black minute hands illuminated by night and visible from the road. A few automatic machines and fresher advertisements would make the station more homely and I think it would be a great convenience if the Post Office could place a special box there announcing the despatch of the next Siberian Mail and for those letters alone.

I wonder what the tram will be like when the young man of to-day reads portions of these reminiscences in later years "From the 'Telegraph' of Twenty-five years ago."

K. NAWES.

EMPIRE DAY.

A short commemorative service will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, 24th of May at 9 a.m. and a sermon will be preached by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Victoria. The service is intended primarily for the British children of the Colony, for whom the nave and both transepts will be reserved; the parents of the children are invited and will be accommodated in the nave aisles. The musical portion of the service will be rendered by the band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, by kind permission of Colonel Tison and officers.

Shanghai Kuomintang Members. It is reported, and we sincerely hope that the report is true, that the "Peking Daily News" delegates representing the Kuomintang leaders in Shanghai have arrived in Peking with the object of arriving at an understanding with the Government. Exactly what form the proposed compromise will take is unknown, but apparently the party is now prepared, under certain conditions, to support the re-election of President Yuan Shih-kai.

THE THURBER CASE.

More about the Man who waived Extradition Formalities.

The following, from the "Manila Times" of May 14, throws further light on the case against the man Thurber who, as we stated last Saturday, was brought before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court on a charge of embezzlement in the Philippines. Thurber returned to Manila last Saturday on the s.s. Zafiro.

"Harry" Thurber, for many years known in the Philippines as a contractor, and recently vice president of the Insular Construction Company, left Manila for the Zafiro on Sunday morning, unknown to his friends, and under such circumstances as make it certain that he will not return here of his own free will. It has been known for some time that Thurber is involved in a case which he became connected with the Insular Construction Company were pressing heavily on him, and that creditors were demanding that they be paid, but nevertheless the news of Thurber's flight, when it became known this morning, was a complete surprise to his friends.

"A Times" man was told by one of the officials of the Insular Construction Company that the first time they had of Thurber's going was the arrival at the offices of the company of a friend, who brought a number of papers having connection with the work which Thurber had been doing for the company, and gave the information that Thurber had started for parts unknown on the Zafiro. The news came as complete surprise, for the Insular Construction Company men have had no reason to think that Thurber contemplated any such action. One of them said that he was of the opinion that a recent attack of pernicious malaria had brought about a nervous breakdown, and that under the influence of this Thurber decided to break away from the Philippines.

"Asked whether the flight of the vice-president of the company would have any effect on the big Tralac irrigation project which the Insular Construction Company is carrying out for the government, the reply was that some months ago, when Thurber became ill, he handed over that work to Mr. Ainsworth, and that under that gentleman it had now reached a point at which the main work was completed, and only minor details remain to be carried out before the entire job is ready to be turned over. Inquiries made by the reporter during this morning brought to light the certainty that the personal affairs of Thurber are seriously involved."

PHILIPPINE EMBROIDERY

Hongkong U.S. Consul's Action.

Philippine embroidery is to be given a boost, says the "Ooble" American, "by being brought prominently to the notice of manufacturers, wholesalers and others on the United States through an article which Consul General George E. Anderson of Hongkong announces he has prepared from data furnished by the Manila Merchants' Association and which he will transmit to the Department of Commerce for publication in the daily consular reports.

Consul Anderson's letter follows:—

Hongkong, May 7, Manila Merchants' Association: I have received your letter of May 2, 1913, together with its enclosure regarding Philippine embroidery, and have to thank you cordially for the care you have taken in the preparation of this memorandum. I do not know of course what stage the report will be in when published, but I still take pleasure in amplifying it with what I have, and shall endeavor to get before the people of the United States such a statement as to this industry in the islands as will do it some good. It is an industry of great merit and I shall be glad to help it. Thanking you for your cordial and effective co-operation.

(Sgd.) George E. Anderson, Consul General.

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, May 8, 1913.

BUTCHER MEAT.

	Ots.
Beef Sirloin & Prime Out, — Mei Lung Pa	lb. 18
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	" 18
" Roast, — Shiu	" 18
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	" 12
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	" 15
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	" 18
" do. — Sirloin Cotom, — Ngau Lau	" 28
" Sausages, — Ngau Ching	" 20
Bullock's Brains, — Know	per set 9
" Tongue fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	" 55
" Head, — Ngau Tan	" 60
" Heart, — Ngau Sum	" 12
" Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	" 15
" Feet, — Ngau Kask	" 8
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yi	" 9
" Tail, — Ngau Mei	" 18
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb. 12
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	" 6
Calve Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, — Young Pei Kwat	lb. 25
" Leg, — Young Pei	" 25
" Shoulder, — Young Shau	" 22
Pigs Chittlings, — Chu Chong	" 27
" Brains, — Chu Know	per set 2
" Feet, — Chu Kark	lb. 12
" Fry, — Chu Ohak	" 30
" Head, — Chu Tau	" 18
" Heart, — Chu Sum	each 10
" Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	" 8
" Liver, — Chu Con	lb. 24
Pork Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	" 23
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	" 1
" Leg, — Chu Pa	" 27
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yu	" 24
Sheep Head and Feet, — Chu Tau Kark	set 65
" Heart, — Young Sum	each 7
" Kidneys, — Young Yiu	" 9
" Liver, — Young Con	lb. 25
Sucking Pigs, To Order, — Chu Cha	" 18
Suet, Beef, — Sang Ngau Yau	" 25
" Mutton, — Sang Young Yau	" 18
" Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	" 18
" Sausages, — Ngau Chai Ching	" 28

POULTRY.

	Ots.
Chicken, — Kai Chai	lb. 34
Capon, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	" 33
Ducks, — Ap	" 24
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 24
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan	per doz 36
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb. 32
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	" 32
Geese, — Ngai	" 24
Geese, Wild, — Shang-ho Yea Ngai	" 24
Hare, — Wong Keng	each 1
Musk, — Shanghai, — Fu Chai	" 70
Partridge, — Che Kiao	pair 1
Pheasant, — Shan Kai	each 32
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kap	" 18
" Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kap	" 23
Quail, — Um Chun	" 28
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Cheul	dozen 22
Snipe, — Sa Choy	each 22
Turkeys, Cook, — Phor Kai Kung	lb. 60
" Hen, — Na	45
Wild Ducks, — Shanghai Sui Ap	" 1
Teal, — Sui Ap Chai	" 1
Wild Ducks Canton, — Sang Shing Sui Ap	" 1

FISH.

	Ots.
Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb. 15
Bream, — Bin Yu	" 15
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	" 20
Carp, — Li Yu	" 20
Catfish, — Chik Yu	" 11
Codfish, — Man Yu	" 13
Croaker, — Hai	" 14
Cuttle Fish, — Muk Yu	" 16
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	" 15
Dace, — Wong Mei Lam	" 8
Dog Fish, — Tit Tu Sa	" 15
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Mann	" 15
" Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	" 24
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	" 32
Frogs, — Tien Kai	" 32
Garoupa, — Sek Pan	" 55
Gudgeon, — Pak Kap Yu	" 12
Herrings, — Teo Pak	" 16
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	" 24
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	" 17
Loach, — Wu Yu	" 28
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	" 32
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	" 16
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	" 28
Mullet, — Chai Yu	" 18
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	" 24
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	" 16
Perch, — Tan Loo	" 15
Pike, — Fa Paw Poong	" 9
Plaice, — Pan Yu	" 17
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	" 20
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	" 28
Prawns, — Ming Ha	" 48
Ray, — Pai Pa Sa	" 8
Rock Fish, — Hak Ka Kung	" 15
Roach, — Chun Yu	" 24

肉食

Salm., — Ma Yan Y	lb. 24
Shark, — Si Yu	" 9
Skate, — Po Yu	" 110
Shrimps, — Ha	" 28
Snapper, — Lap Yu	" 22
Soles, — Tat Sa Yu	" 20
Tench, — Wan Yu	" 1
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	" 18
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu	" 56
White Bait, — Ngau Yu Chai	" 1

FRUITS.

	Ots.
Almonds, — Hung Yau	lb. 28
Apples (California), — Kam San Ping Kho	" 25
" (Chefoo), — Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 1
" Small, — Hoi Tong	" 1
" Custard, — Fan Lai Chi	each 1
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heung Chiu	lb. 7
" (brides), Macao, — San Heung Chiu	" 3
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lut	" 14
Carabola, — Young Tue	" 10
Cocoanuts, — Yeh Tse	each 10
Lemons, China, — Ning Moong	lb. 8
" America, — Kam San Ning Moon	" 8
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	" 25
" Fresh	" 15
Limes, (Saigon), — Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 12
Mango, Manila, — Lai Sung Moong	" 20
Mangosteens, — San Chuk Tse	doz 38
Oranges, (Canton), — San-shing Tim Ching	lb. 8
" Sweet	" 1
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoot Lay	" 1
" (Canton), Cooking, — Sa Lay	" 12
Peanuts, — Fa Sang	" 12
Persimmons Large, — Hung Ohie	" 1
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Poon Ti Paw Law	each 1
" 2nd, — Chung-tang Paw Law	" 1
Plantain, — Tai Chou	" 1
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	lb. 3
Pumelo, Siam, — Chiu Lo Yau	each 25
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	" 10
Walnuts, — Hop Tuo	lb. 13
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	" 1
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each 14
" (China) Sai Kwa	" 1
Grapes, — Sang Po Tai Tse	lb. 30

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 8
Beans, (French), Macao, — Oh Moon Pin Tau	" 10
" (French), Shanghai, — Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Tau	" 6
" Sprout, — Ah Cho	" 6
" Long, — Tau Ko	" 6
Beet Root, — Hung Chai Tau	each 8
Brinjals, Green, — Ching Yau	" 6
" Red, — Hung Ker	" 10
Cabbage, Chinese, com., — Kai Choy	" 12
Cabbage Red, — Hung Yea Choy	" 8
Cabbage, Shanghai, — Yeh Chai	" 12
Cane Shoots, bunch, — Kan Shan	lb. 1
Cauliflower, Large size, — Tai Yeh Oh Fa	each 1
" Medium size, — Cheung Yeh Oh Fa	" 6
" Small size, — Sai Yen Ohai Fa	" 6
Carrots, — Kam Sham	lb. 8
Celery, Chinese, — Tong Kan Chai	" 6
" English, — Young Kan Chai	" 6
Chillies Dried, — Gon Lat Chiu	" 25
" Red, — Hung Far Chiu	" 15
" Green, — Ching Lat Chiu	" 10
Curry Stuff, English, — Kar Lee Chu Liu	" 6
Cumbers, — Ching Kwa	" 12
Bitter Squash, — Fa Kwa	" 8
Garlic, — Que Tau	" 8
Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Keung	" 8
" old, — Lo Keung	" 12
Horse Radish, Shanghai, — Lik Kan	" 6
Indian Corn, — Sak Mai	each 5
Lettuce, — Young Sang Chai	" 1
Water Cress, — Ma Tai	lb. 5
" Mandarin, — Kwai Lum Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Sang Oh Koo	" 12
Mush Malon, Amer., — Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 12
Okra, —	lb. 10
Onions Bombay, — Young Chong Tau	" 8
" Green, — Sang Chong	" 8
" Shanghai, — Shang-hoi Chong Tau	" 10
Papaya, 1st qual., — Tai Man Sau Kua	each 10
" 2nd, — Chong	" 8
Parley, — Kun Cho	" 6
Green Peas, — Ching Tau	lb. 8
Potatoes, Sweet, — Fan Shu	" 8
" Shanghai, — Shang-hoi Shu Tse	" 1
" Japan, — Yat Poon Shu Tse	" 3
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tse	" 8
" Foochow, — Foo-chow Shu Tse	" 3
Pumpkin, — Tong Kwa	" 4
Redish, — Hung Lo Pak Tse	" 10
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	" 8
Sage, — Tse So	" 8
Shallots, — Gon Chung Tau	" 4
Spinach, — Yin Chai	" 8
Tomatoes, — Fan Ker	" 6
Taro, — Wu Tau	" 5
Turkey, Punt, (Long), — Lo Pak	" 4
" English, — Young Lo Pak	" 12
Vegetable Marrow, — Chit Kwa	" 6
" (American), — Kam-san Chit Kwa	" 1
Water Cress, — Sai Young Cho	" 12
" Lily root, — Lin Ngau	" 12
" — Ts Shu	" 5

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MARRIAGE.

MOORE-CAMPBELL.—On May 14th, at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, by the Rev. Father Nain, William Henry Moore to Elizabeth Jane Cathay, daughter of Major John G. Campbell, Royal Irish Rifles, and the late Mrs. Campbell.

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THE NATIVE AND THE LAND.

We quoted last night an extract from the F.M.S. Government Gazette, in which a proposed enactment is drafted "whereby it is hoped to secure to Malays their interests in land." The Gazette goes on to say that "the reason for such legislation is found in the recently increased demand for agricultural land in the States, and the temptation thus held out to Malay landowners to dispose of their lands contrary to what the Government believe to be their true interests." We have often had occasion to remark that the administration of the Malay States and the Straits Settlements has, in most respects, clung loyally to all the best traditions of British colonialism and firm yet fair and kindly government; and here is a case in point.

People whose only experience of colonial life has been gained in an essentially "town" possession like Hongkong may not immediately grasp what such proposed legislation means to the native; others, who know either the Malayan countries or any of the African colonies, will agree with us that this is a shining example of "governing the people for the people's good." Before the mining boom in the Malay States began, the interior native lived a life of proud independence—because he was a land-owner. Men called him lazy, but that was his own affair; he had his cocoa-nuts, his fruit, his padi, his fish and his tobacco; "Tuban Allah" supplied all his needs, and he didn't know what trouble was. He paid his tribute to some natives or to a raja or to the products of his bit of land, and there was an end on't. But, by and by, the white prospector came along, found out where the gold or the tin lay, and promptly coveted the ground. Later, the same thing happened over the discovery that Malayan soil was good for rubber-culture. For a long while the Government was able, on its own account, to meet the enormous demand for land by disposing of what was lawfully its own, yet not touching that which was hereditary native property; but now, for some years past, Government land that is of any use from the speculator's point of view has been growing more and more scarce. Meanwhile the prospectors continue to come, and London investors continue to want ground on which to cultivate rubber or cocoa-nuts. At one time the white man's money would have had no temptation for the native, for he had little or no use for it; but now, even within the memory of many Hongkong readers, towns like Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Taiping, and others have grown up from nothing and have become peopled by Europeans and Chinese, both of which races have shown the native what a goodly and pleasant thing it is to have money, and what a number of unheard-of luxuries this money will buy. The result, of course, is that the Malay land-owner is now faced at every turn with the temptation to part with what, at one time, he held as dear as life itself.

The F.M.S. Government's action, then, is what that of every government should be (and is not): fatherly; the act of the wise and experienced guardian towards the wilful child who can see no farther than the tip of his own nose. A man had, in a general way, better cut off his right hand than dispose of good land. Does not our own middle class at home know that to its cost? In England there may be one farmer in ten thousand who farms his own land; though we doubt it; and, save in one or two counties, the peasant who owns a foot of freehold land is as rare as snow in June. Parting with land, sooner or later, means working for another man instead of for oneself. Even to the European whom centuries of civilisation have taught that all honest work is creditable, whether done for himself or for another, there is just the suggestion of servitude in working for a wage; but to the half-civilised man there are no half measures; for him, to take service under another man is degradation, and nothing short of that; in his own eyes, he is one of two things: a man or a coolie. This applies to semi-savages the world over, but is perhaps especially the case with the Malay and his immediate neighbours. So long as he has his land, even if it be but a strip of jungle or half an acre of padi-swamp, he is peaceable, contented and indifferent; honest; deprive him of it, and he at once either becomes a rebel and a preacher of sedition or else descends to the level of the Chinese coolie. No one knows this better than the men who are ruling the Malay Peninsula; all honour to them, therefore, for doing their duty by those in their charge.

Kowloon Street Sweeping.

The President of the Sanitary Board, in the truth on Tuesday, when he remarked that the water carts in Kowloon are supposed to be on duty from 8 o'clock till noon, and noon till 5 p.m. "I expect," he added, "they get about as they can. I dare say they dodge their duty, as all do." That touches the heart of the difficulty. It is one thing to have a workable scheme—on paper; it is quite another matter to make it work well in practice. Except these coolies are watched every working moment, they will dodge as many working moments as they can. Also, they do not adhere to the times laid down for them. For instance, the president stated yesterday that the streets are swept between 5 and 9, 10 and noon, and 2 and 5 o'clock. We can testify to the fact that they are sometimes swept outside these hours. On May 9 we saw coolies in Nathan Road raising clouds of dust, and there was never a drop of water to lay it, or to prevent it from rising in the first instance. All the same, we can assure Colonel Younan, who has doubts on the point, that the streets are really watered. We have seen it done, though we have not seen, and do not expect to see, the water carts trying to put up records in point of pace or ground covered. Beyond a Joke.

A well-known local business man has telephoned a request to the "Telegraph" to make public an adventure which befel him yesterday while passing through Chaney Lane to his office. From an upper floor of one of the houses there suddenly came a stream of mouth-rinsings—the property of some Chinese who had just completed his or her breakfast—which fell gracefully on to his hat and white coat! We sympathise with him, if only for the reason that, in the same thoroughfare, a similar fate was very nearly our own a week or two ago. It is a scandalous thing that this could happen even in the heart of Chinatown; much more so in a neighbourhood through which a great number of Europeans are bound to pass daily. And it is idle to say that such things must be endured wherever there are Chinese; let the native in Singapore or in any concession of Shanghai lay the same game! But this is Hongkong. The trees in Pedder Street.

In the "Daily Press" yesterday morning Mr. Henry Humphreys suggested that, since the Clock Tower was to be removed, the three banyan trees in Pedder Street should also be removed. Since the ricksha and chair stand had been provided, he said, "these trees are positively dangerous." He suggested that the trees should be "transplanted to Chater Road between Queen's Buildings and the Club, where more trees shade is much needed." There are any number of places in the Colony where more trees shade is needed, and Pedder Street can do with shade quite as well as any other part of the city. It is true that the trees and the rickshas stand together out into the traffic space, but is that not the fault of having put the stand in the wrong place? It seems to us that it could just as easily, and with more reason, have been put between the trees and the pavement. Immediately against the trees the stand would perhaps have been a shade narrower than the present one, but for the remainder of its length it would have been wide enough for two rickshas to stand abreast. It is not too late to mend matters yet, in fact. Mr. Humphreys is right in saying that more tree shade is wanted in Chater Road, but it should be provided with trees of its own. What is wanted is to add to the total number of trees in the streets of the Colony and not merely to shuffle with the present number.

For Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the Chiyo Maru are reminded that goods remaining undelivered by tomorrow at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent and landing charges.

H. M. S. Astraea.

Having already served fifteen years in foreign waters, six years in the Mediterranean and nine in the Far East—the light cruiser Astraea was on 22nd inst. manned at Chatham by a full crew and commissioned by Captain A. C. Sykes, to replace the light cruiser Forte on the Cape of Good Hope station.

DAY BY DAY.

What if your pockets are empty—resolution is a mint.

The Mails.

English Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Ceylon at 8 a.m. to-day.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Ceylon at 5 p.m. to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Due per s.s. Delta to-morrow.

Extra Train.

It is notified that an additional train will leave Kowloon for Fanning golf links at 8.35 a.m. on Saturday next.

Departed.

Among the passengers who left for the North by the Manchuria were Colonel and Mrs. Lean.

Reported Hotel Robbery.

We are informed that a gentleman staying at one of the local Hotels has been robbed of money and property valued at over \$500.

Opium Possession.

At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was fined \$250, or in default three months for being in unlawful possession of opium.

Gambling.

A fine of \$3 each was imposed on ten Chinese, by Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for gambling in a house at West Point.

European Loses Watch and Chain.

Mr. Edwards, of Queen's College, has reported to the police that some one has taken his watch and gold chain, from his room.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of Hospital:—Wanchai Wesleyan Methodist Church, \$16.70.

To relieve Sir J. Jordan.

Mr. B. F. Alston, of the Foreign Office, has left London for Peking, where he will take charge of the Legation for some months, in the place of Sir John Jordan, who is returning to London on leave of absence.

Knocked Down by Ricksha.

A Chinaman has been sent to the hospital suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by a ricksha. The coolie was arrested and at the Police Court, this morning was fined fifty cents by Mr. Melbourne.

A Game of Skill.

A man alleged to be gambling in the street at West Point, was brought before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, but the case was withdrawn when his Worship pointed out that the game played was one of skill.

Left for Haiphong.

Mr. E. J. Hatcher of Manila accompanied by Messrs. Morice and Goode, supercargo of the Bureau of Education left for Haiphong on the s.s. Hondagua, to-day, to study conditions in Tonkin and Indo-China.

Off to the Azores.

Among the passengers who left by the "Manchuria" yesterday was the Very Rev. Father Jose da Costa Nunes, the Vicar General of the Macao Diocese. The Rev. Father arrived in Macao ten years ago as a Deacon and Secretary to the Rt. Rev. Bishop D. Joao Paulo d'Almeida Castro, Bishop of Macao. He was ordained a priest shortly after his arrival. He acted on several occasions, during the absence of the Bishop, as the Head of the Ecclesiastical Body. On several occasions he has preached in Hongkong. He goes home to Candalaria, Pico, Azores, his native place, via America, on a well earned holiday.

ALLEGED ANTI-FOREIGN TUTUH.

Reuter's Kueiyang (Kueichow) correspondent telegraphs: No action has yet been taken by the authorities with regard to alleged injustices to a servant of the foreigners in the Post Office. Some foreigners think that the present Tutuh is anti-foreign in his attitude. They state that since he came to Kueichow, over a year ago, several Protestants and Roman Catholics have been arrested and killed, without trial, by official orders, and that others have been unjustly imprisoned.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Further Local Opinions Regarding the Legislation.

In continuation of the summary of local opinion as to the legislation against foreign money which we have already published we give the following.

A Hongkong business man remarked to the writer yesterday:—"Of course I am as pleased as other people at the proposed change, but I am only wondering if the public realise that whatever monetary gain there may be to the Government stands a risk of being swallowed by the expenditure connected with an additional preventive service. It seems to me that such a service will be necessary to keep the Canton Chinese from sending their money down here whenever silver happens to be cheap. Some time back—and that was even when silver was high—the Canton Government issued a prohibition in regard to the exporting of silver. Yet Canton money was smuggled into Hongkong, not just in small quantities but literally in barrels. If that happened with dear silver, what would the smugglers do when it was cheap?"

Canton and Silver.

"Just now, of course, silver being at a premium, Canton is only minting sufficient money for its own immediate domestic needs; but, whenever it has been low, the Canton Government has deliberately laid itself out to coin for export purposes. Their coin comes here and our silver dollars go to China in its place. Everyone noticed, just after the Revolution, how very scarce silver dollars were in Hongkong. Millions of dollars were being coined in Bombay and brought here, yet Europeans could not get hold of them. Why? Because China wanted to pay her troops and to redeem the military notes she had issued."

"In order to ensure absence of trouble there will have to be a very definite understanding between the Hongkong Government and Canton. The Chinese there will find their profits reduced to a minimum the moment they are forced to confine their minting to local needs. Even in Hongkong a good deal of patience will be necessary at first, for it is an axiom that, where ignorant people are concerned, any change of currency must be introduced cautiously and gradually. Coinage to them is a question of intrinsic value, not of tokens. An Englishman doesn't care whether a shilling is made of silver or of brass, whether there is a shilling's worth or a penny's worth of silver in it—so long as the law recognises it as the twentieth part of a sovereign; but with the native it is otherwise."

Foreign Notes.

"The legislation with regard to the notes will be very welcome. So long as you have only to deal with those issued by the three recognised banks, you know where you stand. Everybody knows that, for each note they put out, in excess of the authorised issue, they must deposit dollar for dollar with the Government, or rather—which comes to the same thing—must have in their vaults a sum in hard cash corresponding to the notes issued. With foreign banks it is another matter. No doubt the Banco Ultramarino dollar notes are all right in general way, because, by a private arrangement, the bank has agents here who practically accept responsibility; though the same cannot be said for the Canton notes and those issued from Saigon. It is generally felt that the number of Banco Ultramarino notes in circulation here is due to the scarcity of British dollar notes. Repeated applications have been made in the past, to the Secretary of State, for a larger supply, but little notice was taken of the request till recently; and even now there are nowhere near enough."

A Banker's Views.

Interviewed as to the probable effect of the proposed legislation, a well-known local banker stated that, in his view, the change would not affect foreign banks. The new legislation really aimed at ridding the Colony of notes which are payable in China and of Chinese subsidiary coins. The proposed legislation cannot, in his opinion, be carried to the extremes which are indicated in

the actual words of the announcement, otherwise in addition to the importation of notes payable in dollar currency, the importation of Bank of England, Bank of France and Yen notes would be illegal. It is fairly clear, he thinks, that an extreme of this kind is not intended. It is just possible that the example of Singapore, when a sterling basis was adopted there, will be copied. The importation of British notes and coins, which were formerly current in Singapore, was prohibited, but the new law was made sufficiently elastic to allow of the ordinary tourist, and others who required a small amount of British money for legitimate purposes, remaining within the limits of the law. To that end a small minimum was fixed which might be brought in. It is reasonable to assume, he thinks, that the same principle will operate here and that any one coming from Macao or Shanghai with a limited quantity of notes and coin, not officially recognised here, will not necessarily be arrested.

Mr. E. CORNEWALL LEWIS.

Death of Former Hongkong Official.

News has been received in the Colony of the death of Mr. E. Cornwall Lewis, who was formerly assistant Postmaster General in Hongkong. Deceased was invalided home in 1911 and in August of last year his health was such that he was compelled to retire on pension. Death took place at Hornsey, North London, on April 27th last.

The deceased had had a lengthy Colonial experience, extending over some 35 years. The greater part of this time he spent in the West Indies, holding various Government positions in St. Vincent and in Grenada. He came to Hongkong in April, 1899, on appointment to the position of Assistant Postmaster-General, and in this capacity, as well as that of Acting Postmaster-General on various occasions, he acted until his departure for England some 18 months ago. During his residence in Hongkong, Mr. Lewis made numerous friends, who will hear with the deepest regret of his death. Mr. Lewis was prominently identified with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, where he was lay reader. He leaves a wife and son.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY.

On Sunday next, the 25th inst. the feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated in the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Low Mass will be said by the Rev. Rector of the Cathedral at 7 a.m. during which a General Communion will be administered to the congregation. At 8 o'clock a High Pontifical Mass will be sung by His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni, the diocesan and cathedral clergy and the Seminarians will also be present. A special canopy will be placed on the main altar for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day for public adoration. Solemn Vespers will be sung at 5 p.m. after which the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in Procession, carried by the Bishop, under a special Pallium, borne by the members of the confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, the Band of the Philharmonia playing Processional Marches at the rear, during the transit. Most of the religious societies will join in this grand procession.

On returning to the Cathedral, the Rev. Fr. Tour will preach on the subject of Corpus Christi, and the feast will conclude with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

H.A.L. and "N.D.L." Reductions. The Hamburg-American Line and the North German Lloyd announce a reduction of their stevedore rates to Canada from 120 marks (\$6) to 90 marks (\$4 10s.)—the reduction to take effect on May 1 if no agreement is reached in the negotiations pending between the Canadian Pacific. It is declared the decision is only in accordance with the reduction of rates by the Austro-American, and that it does not prejudice the negotiations with the Canadian Pacific.

COMPANY MEETING.

Peak Tramway Co. Ltd.

The ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders in the Peak Tramways Co. Ltd. was held to-day at noon at the Hongkong Hotel when Mr. H. Humphreys presided. There were also present:—The Hon. Sir C. P. Gater O.M.G., Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. C. S. Gubbay, J. Scott Harston, the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, directors, Messrs. J. H. Seth, Enos Seth, D. E. Clark, J. M. Wong, Lau In Cheung, shareholders and the secretary, Mr. G. Rapp.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts and auditors' report having been in your hands for the past eight days, I propose with your permission to take them as read.

For the period under review season and punch tickets and special cars combined have afforded increased receipts amounting to \$2,320.16 but daily tickets sold on the cars are responsible for a falling off of \$1,475.31. Thus the increase in traffic receipts only amounts to \$853.85, as shown in the profit and loss account. This has been more than discounted by increased cost of upkeep and increased wages which have been brought about for the most part by the extended service of cars. The experience gained during the past two years proves conclusively that the increase in working expenses involved by the addition of several extra cars to the service is out of all proportion to the increase of revenue (if any) derived therefrom. Your directors and general managers, however, bear constantly in mind that we are carriers and must within reasonable limits satisfy the needs of the travelling public, even if an adequate return be not immediately forthcoming.

I have no further remarks to make but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

Their being no questions, the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts; Mr. Seth seconded, and the proposition was carried.

The chairman moved that the retiring directors Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., and Hon. Mr. David Landale be re-elected. The motion, on being seconded by Mr. Lau In Cheung, was carried.

Messrs. W. H. Potts, and A. R. Lowe were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$100 each per annum, on the motion of Mr. W. Clark, seconded by Mr. Enos Seth.

The Chairman:—That is all the business. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready this afternoon.

THE "ASSAYE" FIRE.

Mails Arrive by s.s. Ceylon This Morning.

The P. and O. steamer Ceylon arrived in port at about 8 o'clock this morning bringing up the mails from the s.s. Assaye, which was delayed at Singapore through a fire breaking out in her after-hold. A representative of the "Telegraph" had a brief chat with the skipper of the Ceylon (Capt. Jeffery) this forenoon, who stated that he did not actually witness the fire, as his boat left shortly after the arrival of the Assaye. He understood that the damage to the ship was not serious, and this seemed to be borne out by the fact that the Assaye had already left Singapore. When it became apparent that the Assaye would be delayed in order to discharge damaged cargo, the mails were sent over to his boat, which left soon afterwards, having a good run up to Hongkong.

On Leave.

The following F.M.S. officials have obtained leave of absence:—Messrs. T. C. Blatherwick, J. A. Moore, N. T. Gray, N. Fells, S. H. Langston, H. S. Jeff, H. C. Eckhardt, E. H. Walling, W. L. Conlay, E. G. Wood, and F. C. Marshall.

SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING.

Entries for the Events.

Following are the entries for the events in the second gymkhana meeting to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, May 31:—

Three Quarter Mile Flat Race.
Mr S. H. Michael's The Burglar 162 lbs.
Mr Brutton's Flirt 152 lbs.
Mr Blank's Boatswain 155 lbs.
Mr Norman's Edgehill 152 lbs.
7 lbs. penalty.

Gymkhana Stakes.
Mr H. P. White's Cleric 151 lbs.
Mr H. P. White's Sorosis 151 lbs.
Mr Brutton's Joss Mighty 151 lbs.
Major Dickinson's Favourite 151 lbs.
Mr Norman's Revenue 146 lbs.
Mr D. Landale's, Ben Wyvis II, 145 lbs.
Mr Sedwick's, Sweet William, 146 lbs.
Mr Gilpin's, Sir Acalon, 146 lbs.
Mr V. d' Oettingen's, Floreal, 150 lbs.
Mr G. Friesland's, Barford, 151 lbs.
5 lbs. penalty. \$10 lbs. penalty.

Ladies' Nomination. Three Hundred Yards Polo Pony Scoury.
Mr W. B. Elwes' Norman Chief, Nominated by Mrs Leele 163 lbs.
Mr C. V. de G. Elye's Rics Bird, Nominated by Mrs Tulloch, 182 lbs.
Mr T. E. Bisdie's Brushwood Boy, Nominated by Miss Tones, 168 lbs.
Father O'Flynn's Despair, Nominated by Mrs C. H. Ross 161 lbs.
Mr Gilpin's Coon Can, Nominated by Mrs Shellim, 161 lbs.
7 lbs. penalty. \$21 lbs. penalty.

Tent Pegging in Pairs.
1.—Capt. N. D. Place, Capt. P. L. Spicer.
2.—Mr. W. B. Elwes Mr. W. H. Hastings.
3.—Mr. C. H. Blason, Mr. H. F. Hickman.
4.—Mr. R. F. C. Master, Mr. A. David.
5.—Mr. C. V. de G. Elye, Mr. T. E. Bisdie.
6.—Major F. A. Dickinson, Capt. Woodhouse.

From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in Flat Race, Handicap.
Mr S. H. Michael's The Burglar.
Mr Norman's Edgehill.
Mr Blank's Boatswain.
Messrs Lowe and Hickman's Pyramids.
Mr Brutton's Savington.
Mr Brutton's Flirt.
Mr C. Stewart's Donald Dhu.
One and a Quarter Mile Flat Race, Handicap.
Mr H. P. White's Sorosis.
Major Dickinson's Favourite.
Mr D. Landale's Ben Wyvis II.
Father O'Flynn's Ravin.
Mr Sedwick's Sweet William.
Mr Brutton's Savington.
Mr Brutton's Joss Mighty.
Mr Gilpin's Sir Acalon.
Mr G. Friesland's Barford.
Hurdle Race.
Mr Blank's Joy, 153 lbs.
Messrs Lowe and Hickman's Pyramids, 152 lbs.
Mr Norman's Revenue 152 lbs.
Mr Slade's Madoc, 152 lbs.
Mr Brutton's Wong, 152 lbs.
Father O'Flynn's Despair, 152 lbs.

HARBOR OFFENCES.

Six boat people were fined \$5 each by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, for being in Causeway Bay without permission.

The master of a coolie boat was fined \$10 for carrying 10 passengers in excess of the licensed number.

Three Chinese boat people were fined fifty cents, \$2 and \$3 respectively, for mooring their craft in prohibited areas.

The master of the steam launch Yew Hing was fined \$25 for carrying 31 passengers in excess of the licensed number.

The master of the steam launch Yee Sang, was fined \$25, for carrying 10 passengers in excess of the licensed number.

The master of the steam launch Hoi Nam, was fined \$25 for having 65 passengers over his licensed number.

A DUAL CAPACITY.

Claim Against the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

This afternoon in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Kemp, Puisne Judge, G. F. Soley, co-accused, sued the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. to recover \$193, being as to \$18 three days salary in May, and as to \$180, one month's wages board and lodging, in lieu of notice.

Mr J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Houston, for the defence.

Mr Gardiner said that the claim was really in the nature of damages. The plaintiff was engaged with Mr. Taggart on or about April 10 as night clerk to the Hongkong Hotel, where there was already a Chinese night clerk. But, as Mr. Taggart stated, for the further protection of the hotel, a European night clerk was engaged. Mr. Soley was engaged for that purpose, his hours being from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. every day, at a salary of \$30 per month. The plaintiff entered a claim that contract under the firm belief that he was there as a monthly servant, although it was stated by Mr. Taggart in his evidence that he was engaged on twenty-four hours notice. The plaintiff did not enter in on any such terms nor did he enter into the agreement knowing such was the condition. Subsequently, after letters and communications between the plaintiff and Mr. Taggart, it was arranged, owing to the barman being summarily dismissed on the morning of April 30, that the plaintiff should also take on the duties of barman, which he did on the morning of the 30th at about 10 o'clock. There was some discussion as to an increase of wages, but that was never finally settled, and that was why the plaintiff was claiming nothing in respect of that. The duty of the barman, according to the previous barman, included hours from 10 a.m. until after the tillin rush, and from 5 p.m. until midnight. That was the duty the plaintiff undertook in addition to his night duties, but he discussed the matter with Mr. Taggart, and it was understood that Mr. Soley's hours instead of extending to 8 a.m. should only extend until 2 a.m. As soon as he undertook the dual capacity, on April 30, May 1 and 2, the plaintiff in accordance with the arrangement, left his duty at 2 o'clock and proceeded to rest, because it was unreasonable to suppose the man would work the whole day long, without rest whatever, because it would practically mean that he would only have two or three hours rest in the afternoon. On the 3rd, the plaintiff did leave the hotel, as stated, and was not there after two o'clock, recognizing that having to perform the dual duty he was entitled to leave at that time.

Plaintiff, in the box, said that when he was appointed in the dual capacity, it was arranged that his hours should be from 10 a.m. till after the tillin rush, which was about 2 or 2.30 p.m. and then from 5 p.m. until midnight after which hour he had to go on with his work as night clerk until 2 a.m. While engaged as night clerk only, Mr. Taggart told him he could sleep in a chair as long as he was about the hotel after two o'clock. Plaintiff agreed to the terms he had outlined, saying that the question of wages was left in the hands of Mr. Taggart. There was always the understanding if the plaintiff did not like the dual position, or if Mr. Taggart did not like it, plaintiff would be able to go back as night clerk. These arrangements were made at about 10 a.m. on April 30. As barman he had to order the counter lunches and sign for the receipt of wines into the bar.

After he had taken over the barman's duties he left at two p.m. He denied that on the morning of May 3 he left duty at 12.45 o'clock. On the same morning he was called before Mr. Taggart and dismissed. Mr. Taggart did not then accuse him of having left his duties, before 2 a.m. but assigned other reasons. The case was proceeding as we went to press.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League was held in the Hongkong O. C. pavilion last evening. Mr. R. Hancock presiding. There were also present Messrs W. D. Braidwood, T. E. Pascoe, A. O. E. Elborough, Captain Matthews, R.A., Messrs R. Fasi, W. L. Weaver, Q. M. S. Davis and Mr. A. E. Azger, hon. Secretary.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said—he did not think they required much comment. There was a credit balance of \$8.00, and this would probably be augmented next year as they were proposing to charge \$10 for clubs entering the second division.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Elborough and carried. Mr. W. D. Braidwood, proposed that Mr. R. Hancock be re-elected president. Mr. Weaver seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. T. E. Pascoe proposed, and Mr. Azger seconded, that Mr. Braidwood be re-elected vice-president. This was also carried unanimously.

Regarding the position of hon. secretary and treasurer, the Chairman said Mr. Azger had notified him that he was unable to again take on the duties, as he was going home very shortly. Mr. Azger had been secretary since the inception of the League, and he was sure that nobody could have done the work more efficiently. He had worked very hard, and he thought the League should give Mr. Azger a hearty vote of thanks (Applause.) He had approached one or two gentlemen, and Mr. H. H. Taylor had accepted his willingness to take on the duties. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Mr. Azger proposed, and Mr. Elborough seconded, that Mr. Taylor be elected hon. secretary and treasurer. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Azger thanked the Chairman for the kind remarks he had made, and also the officials of the League for their kindness to him. He wished cricket in Hongkong every success and hoped the proposed Second Division of the League would prove successful.

ST. RAPHAEL'S SOCIETY.

The Second Annual Report of the Committee of the St. Raphael's Society, St. Francis' Church, is as follows:—

The Committee have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Society and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1912. The total receipts of annual subscriptions, donations from subscribers, entrance fees from new members, offerings and interest including the balances brought forward from last year amounted to \$1,098.05 and after deducting all expenses, there remains a balance of \$698.07 to be carried forward to a new account. It is quite a gratifying result as the financial position of the Society has been maintained in good working order and it is proposed to make some alteration with a view to improvements to the larger houses. The Committee have introduced the use of oak coffins to those who can afford to pay with a view of maintaining the funds of the Society and it has met with a successful success inasmuch as three expensive coffins were disposed of at a good profit. It is with a feeling of deep regret we announce the death of the following departed members—O. J. Rodriguez, A. A. de Jesus, A. A. Barros, A. M. Barradas and N. E. Marques during the period under review. The Committee desire to express their sincere gratitude to His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni and the clergy in performing burial services conducted by the Society as well as to Members, Subscribers and the General public for their voluntary contributions to the funds.

H. M. S. TRIUMPH.

If War Broke Out.

The idea of sending the battleship—or perhaps it would be more correct to describe her as a battle-cruiser—"Triumph" to the reserve at Hongkong seems to be, says the "L. and C. Express," that in event of war breaking out suddenly a number of the small ships in the Far East would be taken out of commission and their crews allotted to the "Triumph" which would then be available for active service. Quite a number of the ships of the China Squadron are too weak to fight and too slow to run away, and if cornered would be death traps to their crews at the hands of the guns of stronger ships. The "Triumph" will be a valuable addition to the potential fighting strength of the China Squadron, or whatever squadron she may eventually join. Her sister ship "Swiftsure" has arrived on the East India Station, and taken up the duties of flagship.

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BIG OPIUM SEIZURE.

The Affair on the s.s. Rubi.

The case in which two men and two women are charged with being in unlawful possession of 1,050 taels of opium, and further with exporting the same on the s.s. Rubi, was again brought before the notice of Mr. Hazland, at the Police Court, this afternoon.

Mr. Woodcock, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing, defended.

Previous to Revenue Officer Wilden continuing his evidence, Mr. Woodcock said he wished to withdraw the charge of possession, and to amend the second charge to "unlawfully exporting, 1,050 taels of opium from the Colony without permission."

Revenue Officer Wilden was being cross-examined by Mr. Otto Kong Sing when we went to press.

GUNNERY IN 1911.

China Squadron ranks Third with Light Guns.

The Admiralty have published the result of the test of gunlayers with heavy guns in the Fleet for 1912. The first five squadrons in order of merit are as follows:—1, Mediterranean, average score, 108.130; 2, Australia, 102.986; 3, First Battle and Cruiser Squadrons, 99.602; 4, East India, 94.137; 5, China, 92.591. The average score of the 115 ships which took part in the practice, carrying 1,510 guns, was 80.763. The return relating to light quick firing guns, which is also issued, shows that 6,929 rounds were fired by 99 ships with 1,283 guns. In this case the average score is 86.871 per squadron, the best squadron return being that of 113.23 by the First Battle and Cruiser Squadron; the second best being 110.20 by the Australian squadron; and the third best 109.33 of the China squadron. The Bonaventure was first in order of merit as an individual ship with 133.33 points, the Minotaur second with 127.50, and the Cornwallis third with 123.67.

A BRITISH SCHEME.

United Universities Scheme for Central China.

From the Rev. Lord William Cecil to the "Times"—It may interest your readers to hear that owing to the withdrawal of American funds from the United Universities scheme, the scheme has had to be remodelled. It will be a completely British scheme but no other alterations of its main lines are suggested. The present revision of the scheme is as follows. It has been approved by the representative of the Chinese Government, and various missions in Central China have agreed to co-operate, to the university will be assured of that which after all is the greatest requisite, pupils sufficient to be able to take advantage of a university, while we are assured that many young men are ready to go out from the many universities as teachers. The proposed university is modelled on the pattern of our senior universities, and will consist of colleges, associated, if possible, with Christian bodies, united together into a university. It is intended that the university shall be thoroughly Christian in tone and that the teachers shall be Christian, but there will be absolute liberty of thought.

Hitherto we must confess that we have met with very small financial support, but we feel it would be a thousand pities if a scheme that must be so beneficial to China and so honourable to England should be put on one side. If we could raise our way to promises of £35,000, we should be relieved to proceed with the scheme at once.

To-day's Advertisements.

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(British Section.)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an additional train will leave Kowloon for Shering Shui (Fanning Golf Links) at 8.35 a.m. on Saturday, 24th instant calling at Taiipo at 9 a.m. and arriving Shering Shui at 9.12 a.m. By Order,
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Leave	Arrive	Leave	Due
Hongkong	Manila	Manila	Hongkong

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HAITAN ...	J. S. Roach	TUESDAY, 27th May, at 11 a.m.
HAIYANG ...	A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 30th May, at 11 a.m.

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money comes to him through the
death of his brother, Colonel Cox,
of Dublin. Further, the retired
mariner is interested in the estate
of the late Viscount Wolsley, who
was his uncle. Captain Harry
Cox was engaged for many years
in vessels trading in Australian
waters. His last berth at sea was
that of second mate on the steamer
Leura, although he holds a
master's certificate. Having de-
cided to give up seafaring, he
started business in a small shop
at North Sydney. Then he dis-
posed of the shop and went
to live in modest retirement
at Bungendore. No fuss what-
ever was made of him when
he was advised in due form by a
firm of solicitors that he was the
heir to nearly a million and a half
in his deceased brother's estate.
Then came another lawyer's letter
telling the retired skipper at
Bungendore that his presence
was desired in London in con-
nection with the will and estate
of his late uncle, Viscount Wol-
sley. Friends who claim some
knowledge of what is at issue in
connection with the affairs of the
late Viscount Wolsley say that
Captain Cox comes into a title.
Captain Cox is accompanied on
the voyage to England by his
wife, who is considerably younger
than he is. There is no
millionaire "splash" about
the pair. They travelled
second class. When interviewed
just before the departure of the
Roon, Captain Cox said:—"This
matter of money from my bro-
ther's estate was not unexpected.
A London firm of solicitors cabled
informing me of my inheritance
and requesting me to sail for
Dublin as soon as possible. An
ample sum of money was sent
for my expenses. My relatives in
Ireland did not know my address
in Australia, and I believe that a
number of cablegrams were sent
to various post-masters in at-
tempts to locate me. Finally one
reached the post-master at Bun-
gendore. It was more out of
curiosity, I think, than anything
else that he went out to my selec-
tion to see if I were the Cox
wanted."—Exchanges.

The following are the terms of
the special resolution empower-
ing the company to enter into a
scheme of mutual insurance for
reducing the amount of uninsured
risks on the large ships which
was submitted for confirmation
at an extraordinary general meet-
ing on April 20:—"That the
provisions of the memorandum of
association of the company with
respect to the company's objects
be altered by adding after para-
graph (K) of Clause 3 of such
memorandum of association the
following three paragraphs:—
"(K2) To effect insurances against
losses, damages, risks, and liab-
ilities of all kinds which may affect
the company, and to join or be-
come a member of any company,
association, or club which
may insure against any such
losses, damages, risks, or liabilities
on the mutual principle or other-
wise, and to contribute to the
losses, damages, risks, liabilities,
and expenses undertaken or in-
curred by any such company, as-
sociation, or club." (K3) To
carry on the business of marine
insurance and marine accidental
insurance, and to grant or effect
policies of marine insurance, or
marine accidental insurance, and
to grant or effect re-insurances
and counter-insurances." (K4)
To enter into partnership or into
any arrangement for sharing pro-
fits, union of interests, joint ad-
venture, or co operation with any
person or company carrying on
or engaged in or about to carry
on or engage in any business or
transaction which this company is
authorized to carry on or engage
in."

Hankow Tragedy.
Hankow newspapers report that
a young Russian named A. A.
Popoff, who was employed by
Messrs. Malchouff, Pechnatoff &
Co., Hankow, shot himself recent-
ly after he had been assisting in
fighting the fire at Messrs. Car-
lowitz & Co.'s Godown.

HOTEL LISTS.

Hongkong Hotel.
Aurely, G. Kendall, Profes-
sor, L. Barberini, E. T. sor, L.
Bate, E. H. Lambert, Mrs.
Beaumont, E. A. W. H.
Bellios, Mrs. E. Lob, Dr. E. L.
R. M.
Bena, G. A. Macdonald, Mr.
Beynon, Capt. and Mrs. and
C. R. child & nurse
Brown, R. Macdonald, D.
Cambridge, A. J. MacIntyre, Mr.
Chaplin, J. K. and Mrs. Nell
Claxton, A. A. Martin, G.
Campbell, Mrs. R. T. and
Campbell, Miss McDonald, Miss
Concado, A. M. B.
Cowen, Mrs. W. McKean, Dr. G.
F. W.
Crocker, Miss McKenny, Dr.
Davis, C. H. C. W. & Mrs.
Dean, Mrs. J. E. Merecki, J.
Dorteano, Mr. & Mulder, J. D. F.
Mrs. & 2 child-
ren, O'Leary, Miss
Dewar, J. Pinnock, A. J.
Donenberg, S. Piper, Miss
Douglas, Mrs. R. Potter, Lt. and
H. Mrs. W. C.
Dowley, W. A. Ray, E. H.
Ehrenfeld, Mr. & Reay, Miss F.
Mrs. H. C. Ricketts, Mr. &
Ehrhardt, Capt. W. R. R.
Ewart, C. N. Robertson, W.
Eyre, Miss Roberts, W. E.
Farrell, E. H. Robinson, C. F.
Farrell, U. A. Robinson, W. V.
Finlayson, Mrs. C. Scottman, J.
Fisher, H. G. Sibley, J. C.
Fuller, Denman, Singer, E. T.
Gears, Mrs. K. Smith, Mr. and
Georgia, M. Mrs. E. E.
Gordon, A. G. Sorby, V.
Goubourn, V. Stevenson,
Gould, Mr. J. Capt. P. R.
Gourgey, I. Sutherland, P. D.
Graham, D. Spiro, S.
Grisogono, P. O. Square, Miss.
Von. Tapp, J. R.
Gunn, Mrs. Webb, Mr. and
Hanna, Dr. J. G. Weidner, W. E.
Harbord, W. T. White, F. W.
Hendry, Mrs. S. White, H. P.
E. White, D.
Hendry, Miss P. Withington,
A. W.
Houston, J. Wood, G. G.
Innes, Capt. R. Wood, Mrs. S.
Judah, Mrs. A. Wood, Mrs. S.
N. E.
Kadoorie, Ellis, Yeadeil, S. P.
Kaufmann, C. Zublin, W.
Kruemman, A.

Craigburn.
Bevington, F. Mullins, Lieut.
Caldwell, Mr. Col. & Mrs. A.
Caldwell, Miss J. R. G. A.
Carpenster, Mr. Morley, Miss
and Mrs. Nation, W.
Cornell, W. A. Ram, E. A.
Haselfoot, Lt. Galbraith, V.
& Mrs. M.
Kydd, Mr. and Smith, Mrs. G.
Mrs. Smith, E. G.
Morley, Mrs. Wood, E. M.

Grand Hotel.
Almberg, K. Mayr, Mr. and
Bogus, D. Mrs.
Bonetta, Miss V. Merlin, L.
Bouchesky, Mr. Meyer, N.
& Mrs. Miller, F.
Brudmann, S. Moller
Brill, Dr. Moonan, J.
Crew, Mr. and Mulvey, E. C.
Mrs. Parrshall, J.
Grant, G. Rohlig, Mr.
Frenck, C. Mrs. & Miss
Fridley, G. Schmidt
Haden, F. Soon Kim
Karkatzky, Mrs. Stephano, Miss
& Miss Thomas, Mr. &
Key, Dr. Mrs. A.
Kuhl, Watkins, G.
Lorrie, Weissmann, C.
Lengir, Miss F. Wills, E.

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JARDINE, MATHESON
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1913. (841)

Notice

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
THE Steamship
"CHIYO MARU."
FROM SAN FRANCISCO, via
HONOLULU, AND JAPAN
PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

The above-named Steamer, having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading
for countersignature, and to take im-
mediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.
Cargo remaining undelivered on
Saturday May 17th at noon will be
landed, at Consignee's risk and expense
and delivery must then be taken from the
Company's Godown.
No Fire Insurance whatever will be
effected.
No claim will be recognised after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered on May
23rd 5 p.m. afternoon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.
All chafed and otherwise damaged
Cargo to be left on board or godown,
and examination of same to be held on
May 23rd at 10 a.m.
All Claims must be filed on or before
May 30th, otherwise they will not be
recognised.
S. MORIMOTO,
Agent.
Hongkong 16th May, 1913. (379)

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship
"SEGOVIA"

Captain H. Luebeck, having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that their goods are being landed and
placed at their risk in the hazardous
and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Company, Limited, whence delivery
may be obtained against Bills of
Lading countersigned by the Under-
signed.
Optional Cargo will be carried on
unless notice to the contrary be given
to-day.
All claims must be presented within 10
days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
21st inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods must be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the 21st
inst. at 9.30 a.m.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by
us in any case whatever.
This steamer brings on Cargo—
Ex S.S. "Riga" from Riga
"Portimao" from Porto
"Trelleborg" from
"Rong Sigurd" from
"Alban" from Goteborg
"Goteborg" from Goteborg
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong 16th May, 1913. (839)

Consignee

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship
"SAXONIA"
Capt. C. N.umann, having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that
their goods are being landed and placed
at their risk in the hazardous and/or
extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Company, Limited, whence delivery
may be obtained against Bills of Lading
countersigned by the Undersigned.
Optional Cargo will be carried on un-
less notice to the contrary be given to-
day.
All Claims must be presented within
ten days of the steamer's arrival here,
after which date they cannot be re-
cognised.
No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
23th inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods must be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the 24th
inst. at 9.30 a.m.
No Fire Insurance will be effected
by us in any case whatever.
This steamer brings on cargo:—
Ex S.S. "Fran" from Ahus
"Margaux" from Bordeaux
"Germantia" from Goteborg
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1913. (884)

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Hongkong, May, 6th 1913. (346)

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PEAK TRAMWAYS CO.
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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 15 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.
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8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.30 p.m. to
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every quarter of an hour.
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10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.
11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. " 10 min.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min.
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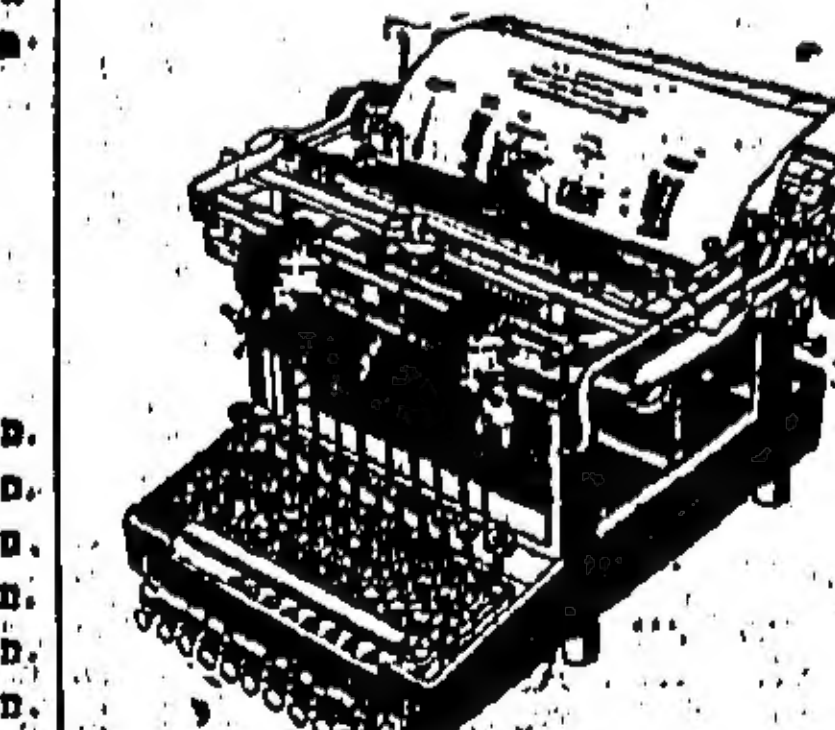
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NORTHERN NEWS.

SHANGHAI.

A Collision Case.

Mr. F. S. A. Bourne gave his
decision on the 14th inst. in con-
nection with collision between
the Chinese cruiser Haishen and
the O.S.K. s.s. Choshun Maru,
which took place at Pootung on
November 6 last. Both parties
ultimately agreed to settle the
matter by arbitration, and the
facts were laid before Mr Bourne
(with Captain Powlett, of H.M.S.
Newcastle as assessor) on April
23, 24 and 25. Mr Bourne's
judgment finds that the collision
was caused entirely by the
negligence of the Choshun Maru,
and orders all fees for arbitration
and all costs incurred by the
Chinese Admiralty to be paid by
the O.S.K.

Editor's Death.

At St Mary's Hospital, on May
13, the death occurred of M. G. L.
O. Sabard, editor of "L'Echo de
Chine", at the comparatively early
age of forty-five. M. Sabard had
lived in Shanghai for about six
years, and, twelve months ago,
was appointed to the editorship of
the well-known French paper in
succession to M. Monesties, who
went to edit "Le Journal de
Peking". He was extremely
popular, both socially and among
his fellow journalists.

Well-known Solicitor's
Retirement.

The retirement is announced
of Mr W. V. Drummond, chief
partner in the firm of Drummond,
White-Cooper and Opps, solicitors.
Mr Drummond has been in
practice in Shanghai since 1873,
and he told a pressman the
other day: "When I came here
the place was practically a baby;
it was a fishing village and little
more. There was only a small
community of people who knew
each other intimately—like one
big family. It grew to the hob-
bledehoy stage, and remained in
that stage from 20 to 25 years.
During the past ten years Shang-
hai has grown to the city she is
at the present day."
Mr Drummond has decided to
settle in Shanghai instead of re-
turning to England.

Selling drink without a License.

Mrs. Fanny Adberg of the Cali-
fornia Cafe has been fined \$15
for selling intoxicating drink
without having a licence. The
case was heard before the Ameri-
can vice-consul, Mr. F.W. Hadley
who ordered defendant to take
out a licence at once.

CHEFOO.

Chinese Troops.

Several companies of Chinese
soldiers have arrived recently in
Chefoo, and the Isolation Hospi-
tal is again being used as bar-
racks for some of them. The
local "Post" observe, with ap-
parent feeling, "it is generally
hoped that these extra troops
will not remain in the port for any
length of time, but will shortly
be drafted elsewhere."

Custom House.

Mr F. J. Mayers, Commissioner
of Customs, has resumed charge
of the Custom House upon his
return from Shanghai.

HANKOW.

German Admiral Arrives.

The German admiral (Count
Spee) in command of the Far
Eastern squadron, arrived at
Hankow on board S. M. S. Nurn-
berg on the 11th inst. and
remained there for three days.
Two Russian torpedo boats
arrived on the 12th and two
French cruisers with the French
admiral are expected soon.

Lecture.

Mr J. A. Brailford, editor of
the "Central China Post", who
was staying in Hongkong a couple
of months ago, gave a very inter-
esting lecture in Hankow last
week on "Characters a journalist
meets."

In Hospital.

Dr von Daeran, who recently
arrived in the East to act as
doctor to the Pinghsiang Colliery
has been obliged to go into
hospital at Hankow.

Bank of China.

The Bank of China at Hankow
is now making arrangements to
redeem the bank notes of the
late Taiching Government Bank.
Branches will be soon established

at Changsha, Shasi, and Iohang,
At Yinkow, Changchun, Hankow,
Shanghai, Tsinan-fu, and Kaifeng-
fu branches have already been
opened.

PEKING AND TIENTSIN.

The Sung Murder.

The President is reported as
saying recently, with regard to
the Sung murder:
"The rebellious faction de-
mands my resignation, which is
my very desire. But the question
whether I am implicated in the
Sung Murder Case, or I am the
real instigator of the crime should
be left to the judgment of a pro-
per Court to which I shall appeal
after my resignation. Before
the verdict is pronounced it is
disgraceful for newspapers to call
me "criminal," "rebel," "thief," etc.,
though by so doing they undoubt-
edly have their own objects in
view. Such criticisms have never
been witnessed in any republican
or even absolute monarchical
government in the world."

A Chinese Post Office
Saving Bank.

A house in Peking, opposite
the Ministry of Communications,
has been hired by the Govern-
ment to be used as a post office savings
bank. It has been decided to
follow the Austrian method of
savings banks.

The Baluchis.

On May 11 about two hundred
of the Baluchis stationed at
Tientsin proceeded to Shanhai-
kwan to undergo their annual
course in musketry.

Russian Troops.

Some five hundred Russian
troops left Tientsin on May 8 for
Mukden, and a similar draft left
on the 10th. It is expected that
reliefs from Mukden will leave
for Tientsin on the arrival of these
drafts.

Gone Home.

Among those leaving Tien-
tsin for Home is Mr. T. Parkin-
son of Messrs Jardine, Matheson
and Co., Ltd., who has gone on
six months' leave. Mr. Parkinson
is very popular among local foot-
ball circles and was for some time
captain of the Tientsin club. A
large number of friends gathered
at the station to give him a good
send-off.

JAPAN.

The Wheeler Case.

Judgment has been given in
the Yokohama Court against Mr
W. A. Wheeler (who, it will be
remembered, was recently sen-
tenced to a term of imprisonment)
in a case brought by thirty
Japanese, who together claimed
the sum of Y14,000 as damages
for unfulfilled contracts. The de-
fendant has been ordered to pay
the sum claimed.

Tram-car Collision.

Two tram-cars collided in Osaka
last week; one person was killed
outright and many were severely
injured.

Aviator's Funeral.

The funeral of Mr. T. Koba, the
aviator who was killed at Kyoto,
took place on the 9th inst. The
burial was at Nagara and was
carried out according to Shinto
rites.

Electric Lighting in Osaka.

A provisional contract has been
signed at Osaka for the munici-
palisation of the local Electric
Light Company. The contract
will hold good till August 31.
Details will not be published till
they have been considered by the
city aldermen, who were to hold
a meeting for that purpose on the
12th. It is said that Osaka will
float debentures to the amount of
Y50,000,000 at 5 or 6 per cent
interest.

Alleged Embezzlement.

The manager of the Akita
Agricultural Bank is said to have
absconded with some Y10,000
with a view to escaping to
America. It is believed that he
is at present in hiding in Kobe,
and a close police search is being
made.

The Indian Flying School.

It is notified that the officers
selected for the Indian Flying
School are Captain S. D. Massey,
29th Punjab, as Commandant;
Captain C. S. Hoare, 29th Central
India Horse, Lieut. O. L. N. New-
all, 2nd Gurkhas, Lieut. H. L.
Reilly, 82nd Punjab, instructors.
These officers have proceeded to
England to undergo a long course
at the Central Flying school at
Upavon.

COMMERCIAL.

Highlands and Lowlands.

The seventh ordinary general
meeting of the shareholders of
the Highlands and Lowlands Para
Rubber Company, Ltd., was held
on April 17, at the Cannon-street
Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.4, Sir
Frank A. Swettenham, G.C.M.G.
(Chairman of the company), pre-
siding. The Chairman said:
The accounts call for no
comment from me except as
regards the item referring to the
Ayer Kuning loan. That is
explained by the fact that the
board decided to lend to
its offshoot, the Ayer Kuning
(F.M.S.) Rubber Company, Ltd.,
a sum of \$10,000 secured on
11,000 unissued shares of that
company over which the High-
lands Company holds an option to
purchase at par at any time up to
June 30, 1915. The Highlands
Company has a substantial in-
terest in the younger company,
for it holds 18,361 fully paid
shares, and you also must have
some shares, for we distributed
over 30,000 amongst you in 1910.
As the directors are well ac-
quainted with the affairs and
prospects of the Ayer Kuning
Company and have confidence in
its future prosperity, they con-
sidered that it would be to
your interest to give the
assistance I have described. I
should add that the loan was
made at 5 per cent. interest. Be-
fore going into details of the
administration of the property, it
is my privilege to be able to
assure you that never since I had
the pleasure of speaking for my
colleagues—and that is from the
formation of the company—have
I had such a good account to give
of your property and prospects as
to-day. I think you must have
gathered that fact from the report
and accounts which I am going
to ask you to adopt, and the final
dividend which I hope you will
approve. The planted area on the
three estates is now 3,963 acres, to
which we expect to add this year
another 280 acres, making 4,243
acres by the end of the year. Of
that area 4,243 acres are now in
bearing, so that you will soon
have nearly 1,000 acres planted
but not yet mature. The tapped
trees yielded 900,908 lbs. of
rubber last year, but while the
trees on the two older estates
gave over 3 lbs. of rubber per
tree, the yield on Midlands aver-
aged only 1½ lbs. per tree. It is,
therefore, evident that while the
oldest fields are being only moder-
ately tapped, there is great room
for expansion on Midlands. These
figures, coupled with the fact that
we shall have 1,000 acres of im-
mature rubber, will assure you
of increasing crops, and should
we decide to make further exten-
sions we have no lack of forest
land for that purpose. You were
probably surprised to find that
the estate's estimate of the 1912
crops was exceeded by nearly
200,000 lbs., and the board has
pointed out the managers that
though this is a mistake on the
right side, it is not entirely
creditable to those on the spot to
be far out in their estimates. We
are told to expect a yield of
975,000 lbs. in the current year
—370,000 lbs. from 1,170 acres
on Highlands, 305,000 lbs. from
1,170 acres on Batu Ujong, and
300,000 lbs. from 1,380 acres on
Midlands. Having regard to all
the circumstances, and given
favourable weather, the board is
inclined to consider this a con-
servative estimate, and we think
that at least a million lbs. of
rubber may reasonably be expect-
ed. The cost of production in
1912 shows a welcome reduction
of over a penny per lb. We re-
commend in our report the pay-
ment of a final dividend at 17½
per cent., making 40 per cent.
for the year, and if you approve
that proposal it will mean that
since the formation of the com-
pany in 1906 we shall have paid
twenty dividends aggregating in
all 20½ per cent., equal to 132½
per cent. on the present paid up
capital of the company. We fur-
ther propose to place another
£15,000 to reserve, making it
£40,000, and to carry forward
the balance, namely, £13,101 17s.
6d. I am sure you understand
that the greater part of the
£40,000 reserve is not in cash,
it is money which has been used
in the development of your property,
the erection of buildings and the purchase of
machinery, and all the requisite

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